

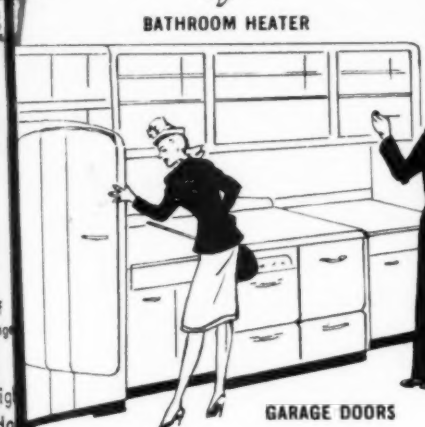
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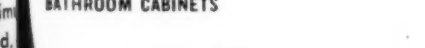
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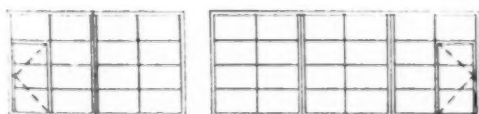
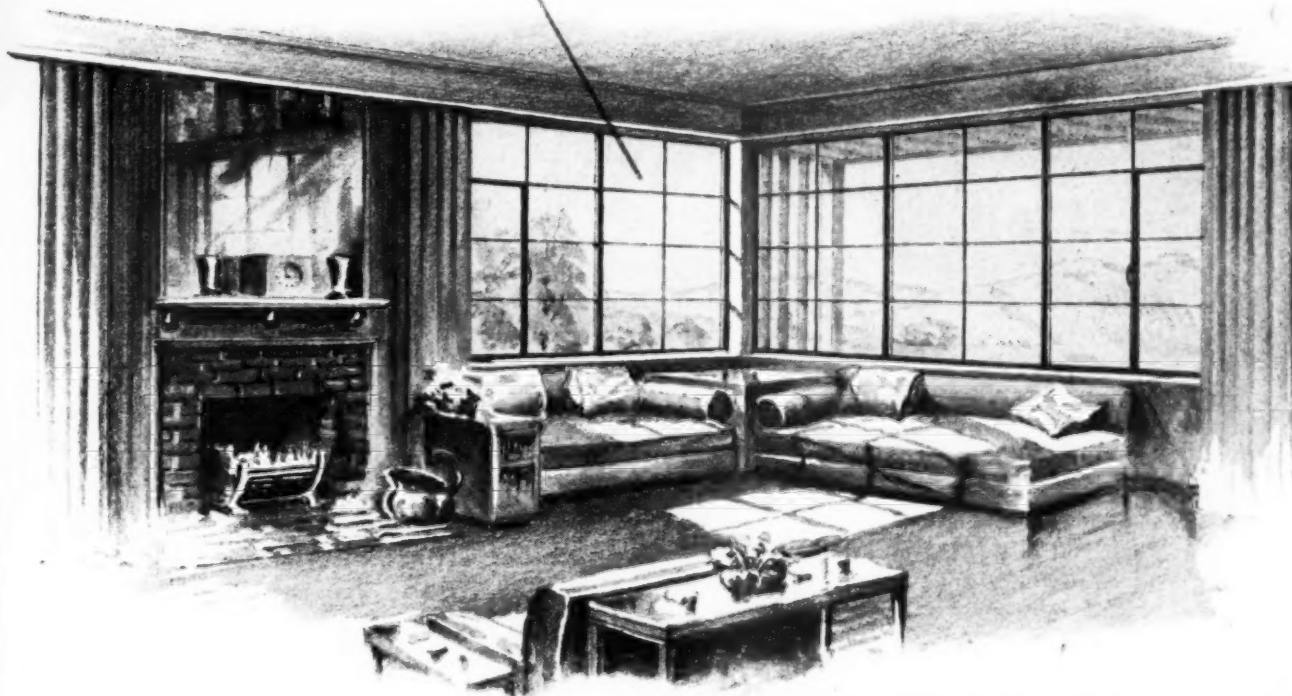
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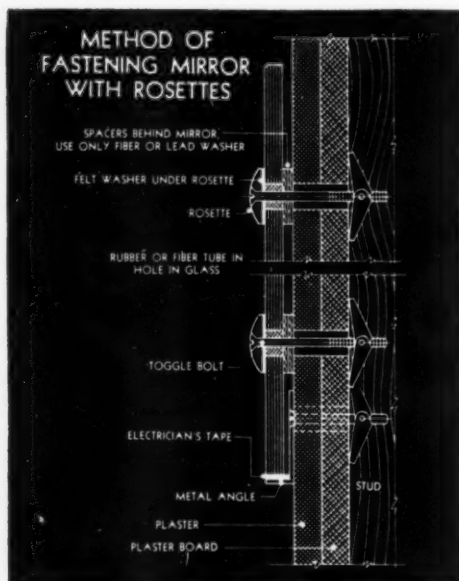
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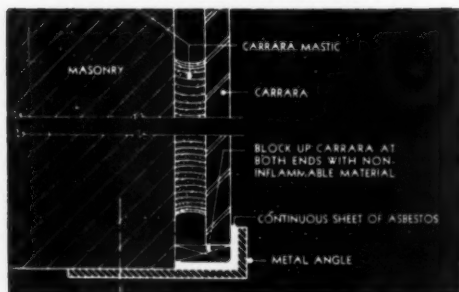
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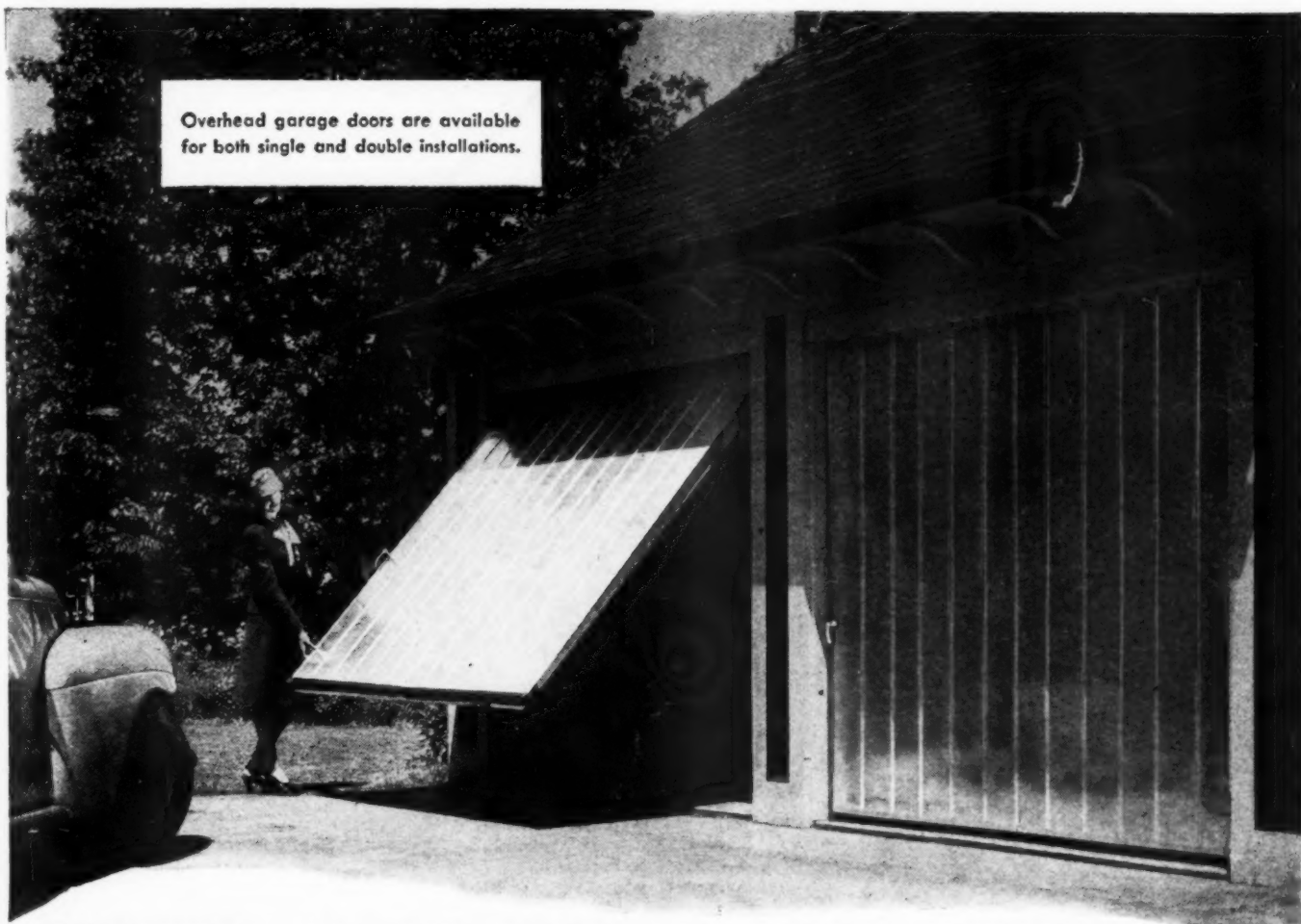
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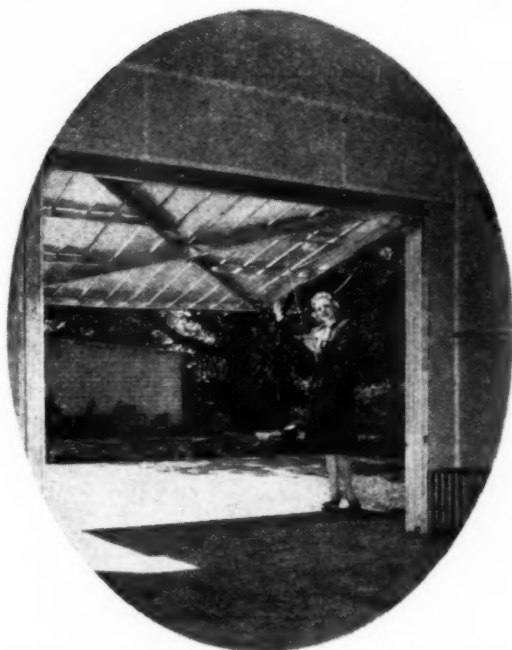
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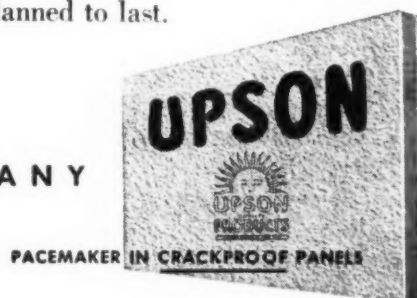
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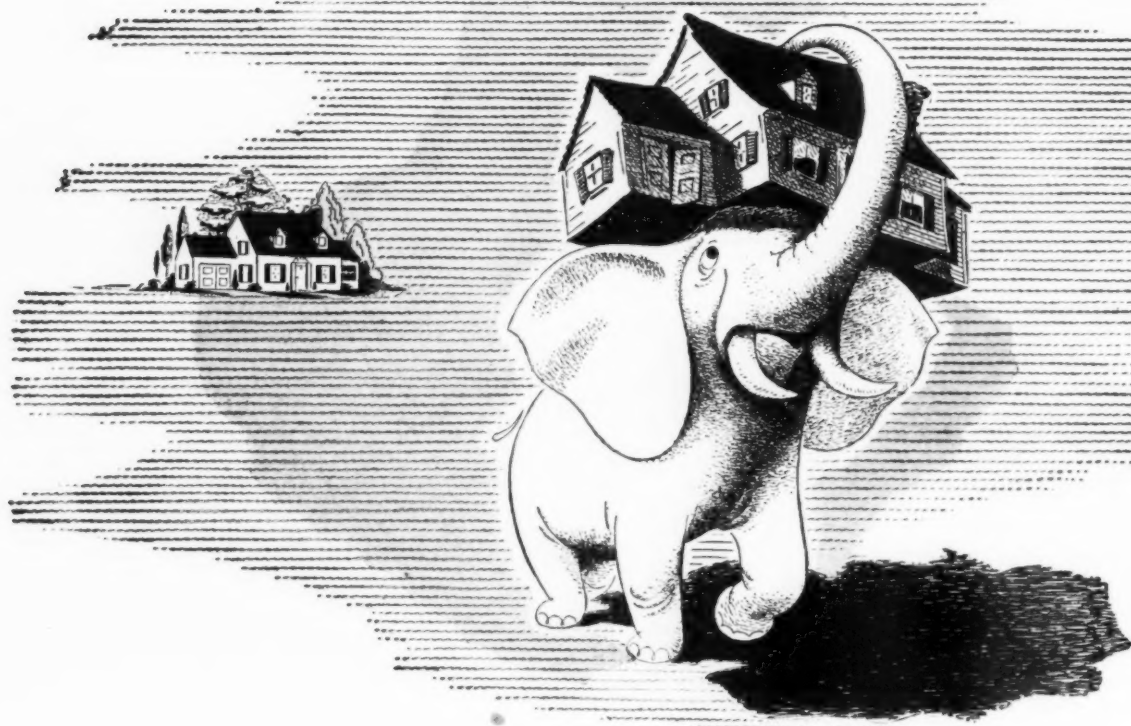
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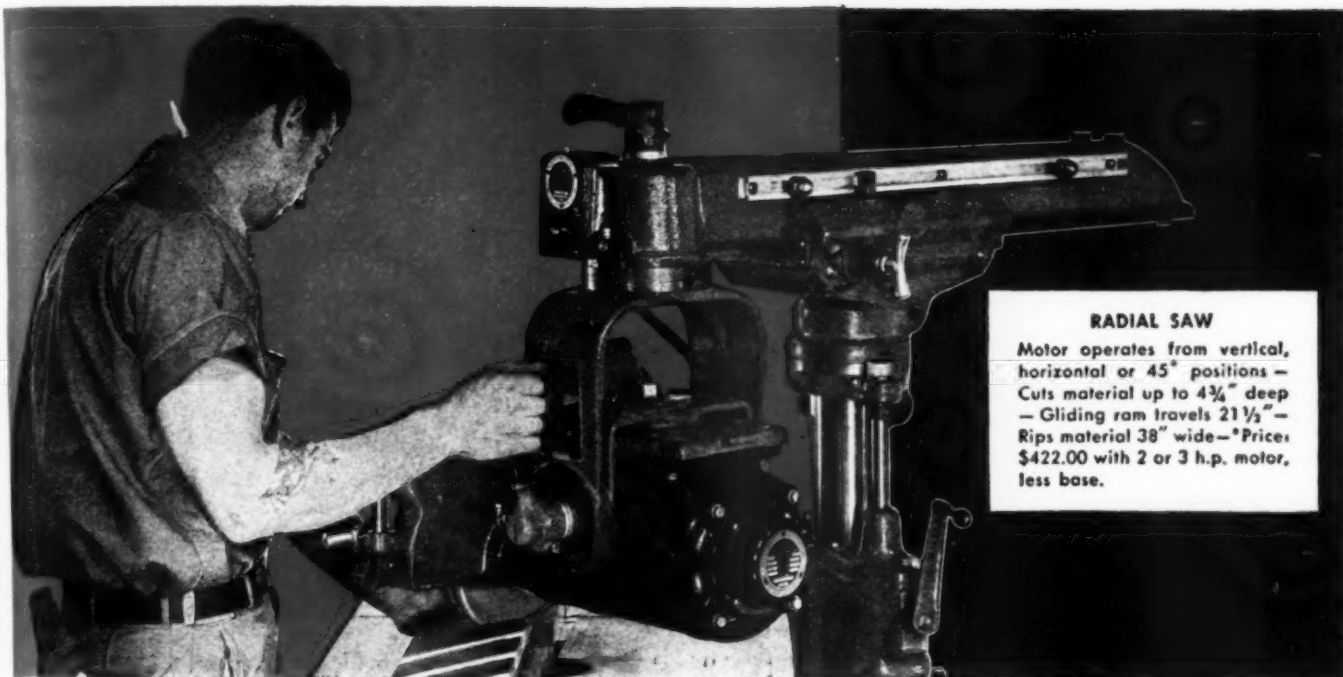
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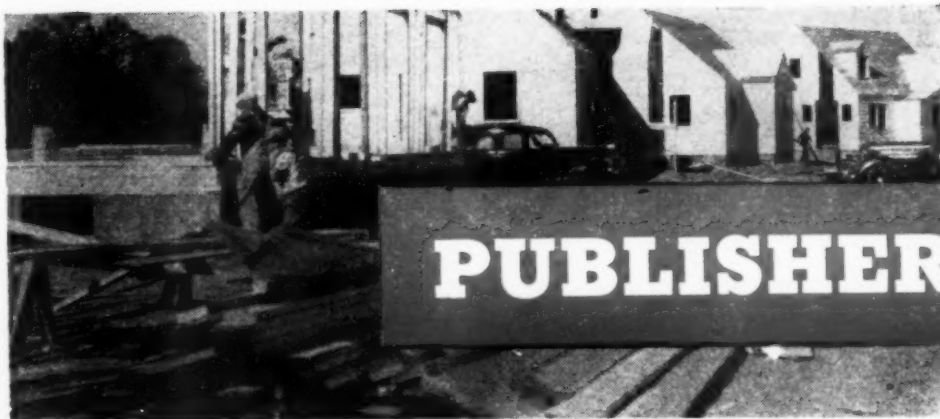
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Wyatt Plan's Failure an Opportunity

EXPEDITER" Wyatt's "veterans' emergency housing program" was doomed to failure from its inception. Every such grandiose plan which is adopted and used for *political* purposes ostensibly to solve a huge *economic* problem is foredoomed. Only persons who were completely ignorant of conditions in the building industry could ever have believed it would succeed.

But men like Mr. Wyatt, when given government positions of importance, sometimes render unintentionally great services to private enterprise. During World War I government operation of railroads was adopted, and W. G. McAdoo became director-general of railroads with a grandiose plan. He knew as little about railroad conditions then as Wyatt knew about housing and building conditions twenty-eight years later. Consequently, he made a failure as "expediter" of the railways—excepting in expediting their expenses and deficits.

But McAdoo's failure would not alone have destroyed the movement for government ownership and operation of railroads. Government operation had opponents who persistently broadcasted its failure and the reasons for it, both while the failure was being made and later. And the private managements, after the railroads were returned to them, adopted a program of expansion, improvements and public relations which eliminated "car shortages," reduced costs and rates, and won a public favor that private enterprise in railroading had never before enjoyed. The contrast between government operation and private operation afforded opportunity for the advocates of private operation to kill almost all the sentiment for government ownership.

The failure the public housers are making and will continue to make is affording and will continue to afford the private home-building industry a similar

opportunity. But opportunity is valueless to those who will not do what is necessary to take advantage of it.

The government bureaucrats who have been lavishly spending the taxpayers' money in lobbying for public housing have been making a loud and indignant outcry against the "real estate lobby" which has been spending a much smaller amount of its own money in opposing nation-wide socialization of housing and home-building. The "real estate lobby" has rendered a patriotic service the effectiveness of which is perhaps best illustrated by the apparent death of the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill. But, whether the W-E-T bill is dead or not, the movement for such legislation will be revived in the next Congress, and will sooner or later be successful unless it is fought in every state and congressional district from now and until the election next fall, and is later fought in Washington after Congress convenes.

Meantime, the private home-building industry—every branch of it, and in every community—must in self-defense do everything it can to increase the building of good homes at reasonable cost. Defenders of private enterprise must justify their *faith* by *works*. They must fight every government or labor union policy that hinders efficiency or economy in building. But they must themselves do the most, the best and the most economical building they can under whatever unfavorable conditions and policies they cannot change.

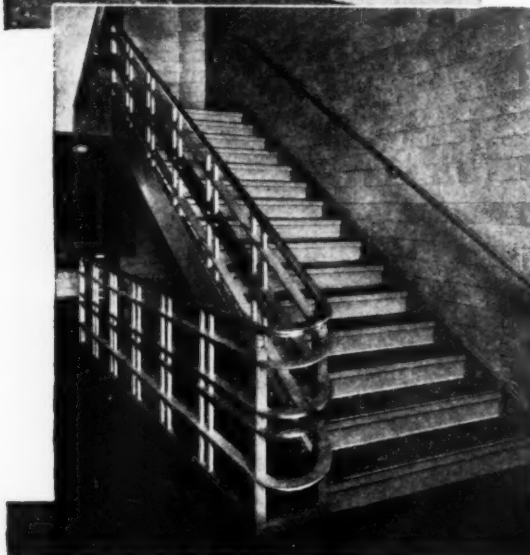
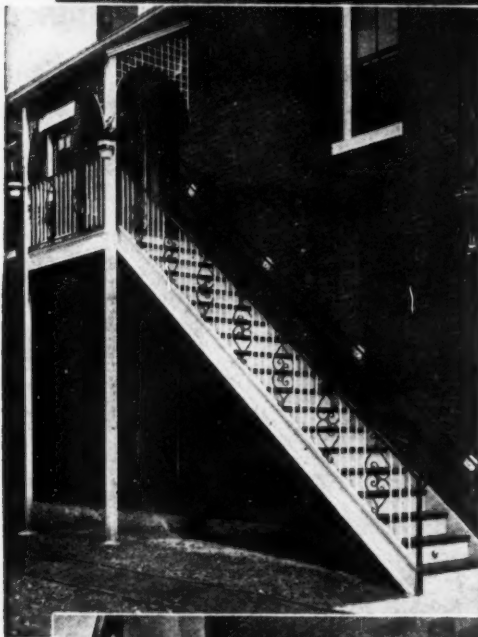
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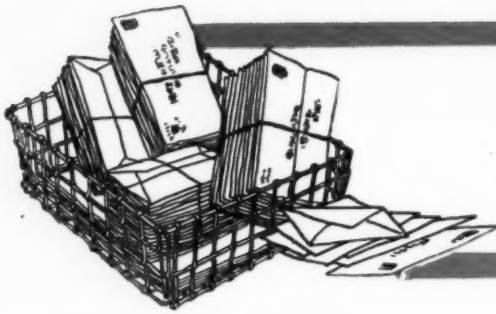


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Vet speaks his mind

To the Editor: At the same time as I am writing you this letter, I am sending copies to various other public representatives, newspapers, magazines, and bureaucrats.

Since returning home from almost five years in the armed services my brother and I have endeavored, as contractor and architect respectively, to do our best by our fellow veterans as well as help alleviate the housing shortage. But not since my army career or my stay in Germany have I seen so much red tape and obstructionism by government officials, their agencies, and their thousands of parasites.

It seems deliberate government policy to create this situation of chaos so as to discredit the entire building industry. I make this statement here and now: "I spent too many years of my life fighting against just such control and chaos to stand by idly. The Civilian Production Administration is as great an enemy to this country as Hitler ever pretended to be. We have almost done as Hitler predicted, adopted the servitude to the omnipotent state. Our every breath is almost decreed by some government agency or other."

These complaints are not made on the spur of the moment for I have spent months trying to cut through the red tape of various government agencies, I have filled in myriads of forms, spent hundreds of dollars on blueprints and specifications for filing in some wastebasket of some agency or other.

It's time the American people or their honest representatives endeavor to right this un-American situation. While the veteran deserves a good deal of consideration, he is, nevertheless, no more an American than the thousands of people who worked in the factories, mills and on the farms, for they have as much right to a home as he. They saved their money and their dreams, they planned, through sweat and toil, to build a share in America.

The government seems intent on creating a class conscious society. The veterans are set aside as distinct from the rest of the people while, in fact, they are but one-thirteenth of the total population of our country.

I am writing this with the intention of correcting this deplorable situation of subservience to the State, and to exercise one of my prerogatives as a citizen in a democracy. I suggest that something be done immediately about the arrogant attitude and dictatorial policies which prevail in such offices as that of the Civilian Production Administration in

St. Louis, Mo. This type is better suited to a system such as Hitler's.

To close, I feel I have done my part in bringing to your attention this confused state of affairs in regard to the building industry. America and its productive capacity are equal to the task; given the freedom of opportunity, the people are willing and the country is bountiful.—JOHN W. EDELMAN, Jr., Edelman Contracting Co., Flat River, Mo.

Smoke screen for vets

To the Editor: Your page "On & Off the Record" in the May issue is a good one and presents the so-called Wyatt program in its true light. But I'm inclined to believe that Samuel Dunn overlooked something in his editorial. Undoubtedly the Socialist tendencies in the New Deal made a favorable situation, but I think, from what I can see out here, that the real instigators of the program are the contractors who experienced the fat possibilities of non-competitive contracts and government-supplied materials during the war so promoted a situation under which they could continue with subsidies. Of course the "For the Vets" cry is just smoke screen and, believe me, a lot of the Vets know it.—OMER MOORE, Tualatin, Ore.

Building trades wages

To the Editor: At the request of Mr. Wyatt I am acknowledging your letter of July 29, which comments upon certain wage and hour demands of plasterers in Los Angeles County that were reported to have been made during the prior week. You calculate that wage rates with the suggested working hours would give the plasterers a weekly pay of \$132.

Wage stabilization in the construction industry has been the responsibility of the Wage Adjustment Board for the Building and Construction Industry, with the Wage Stabilization Board being responsible for compliance. Wages under the Board's jurisdiction were stabilized at the 1942 level, with adjustments permissible only when authorized by the Board. Applications to the Board have usually been jointly submitted by employees and employers, notices of pending cases are sent to interested parties for expressions of opinion, analyses of cases are made by Labor Department analysts, and appeal from Wage Adjustment Board decisions is possible to the National Wage Stabilization Board.

As you know, the Wage Adjustment Board was inoperative during the period

of July 1 to 25 when the Economic Stabilization Act of 1942 was not in existence. During this period a number of wage agreements were reached which may not have been in line with wage stabilization regulations, and consequently these wage rates must be rolled back to the June 30 level unless authorization for their continuance can be obtained from the Wage Adjustment Board by August 10.

The record shows that the Wage Adjustment Board has succeeded in stabilizing wages in the construction industry far better than they have been stabilized in other segments of the economy. The National Housing Agency has supported the Wage Adjustment Board in its exercise of authority, and we definitely look to it to serve as a restraining influence on those who would upset a stabilized labor market in the construction field. The cooperation of the American Federation of Labor, the building contractors, and the public members of the Board has enabled it to function with good advantage in the past, and I am sure it will be an important asset to the Veterans' Housing Program in the future.—E. R. LERNER, Director, Labor Branch, National Housing Agency.

A vital need

To the Editor: Having assumed recently the duties of executive secretary of this local unit, and virtually coming from the ranks, I hasten to surround myself with important sources of information.

I am told at our National Office in Washington, D. C., that your magazine is of vital importance, so please enter our subscription and bill us accordingly.

—C. G. YAGEL, Home Builders Association of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

Tops in building field

To the Editor: This is just a belated thank you for your wonderful article on our property on Prospect Avenue in Park Ridge, Ill.

May I take this opportunity of saying that we are all avid readers of your publication and think it is "tops" in the building field, as the articles contained in it are always forthright and right down to earth in their presentation. This means that for the average builder your publication is something that he can pick up, read an article and get all the good points in a short time. Lengthy discussions are something that the busy builder finds time to read and appreciate only on rare occasions. So again, thank you.—WM. C. McLENNAN, Pres., Wm. C. McLennan & Co., Chicago, Ill.

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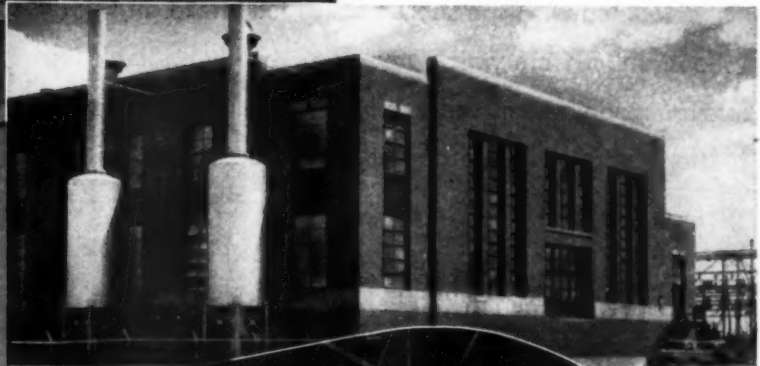
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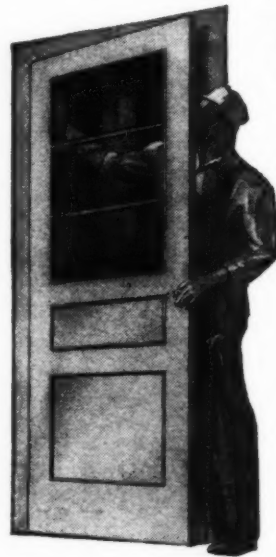
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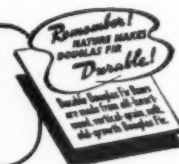


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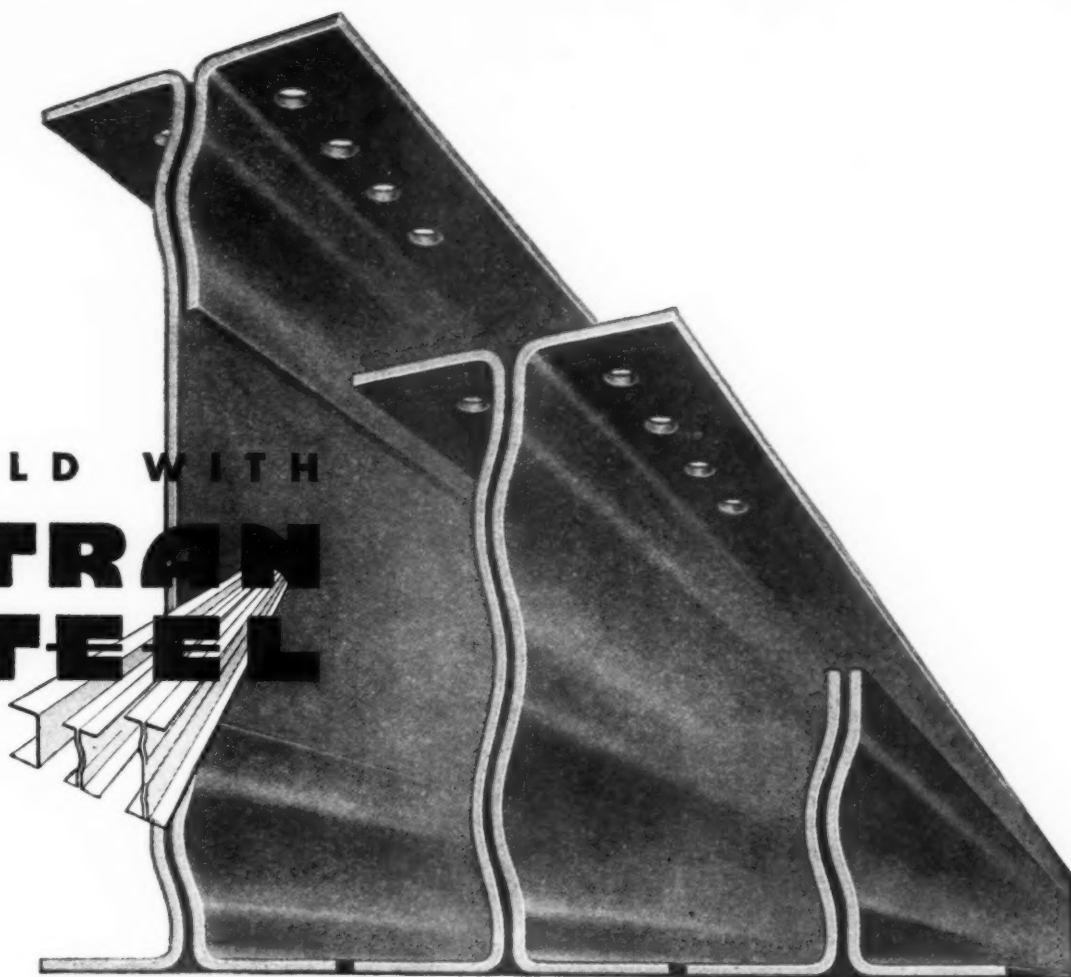
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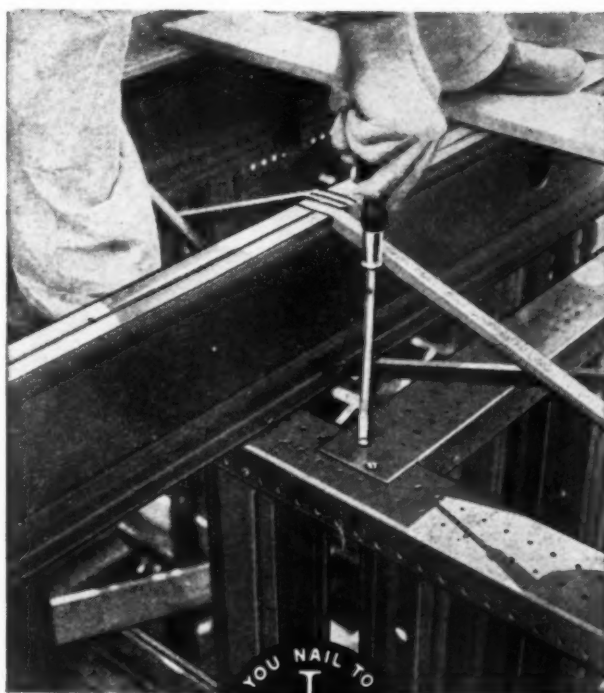
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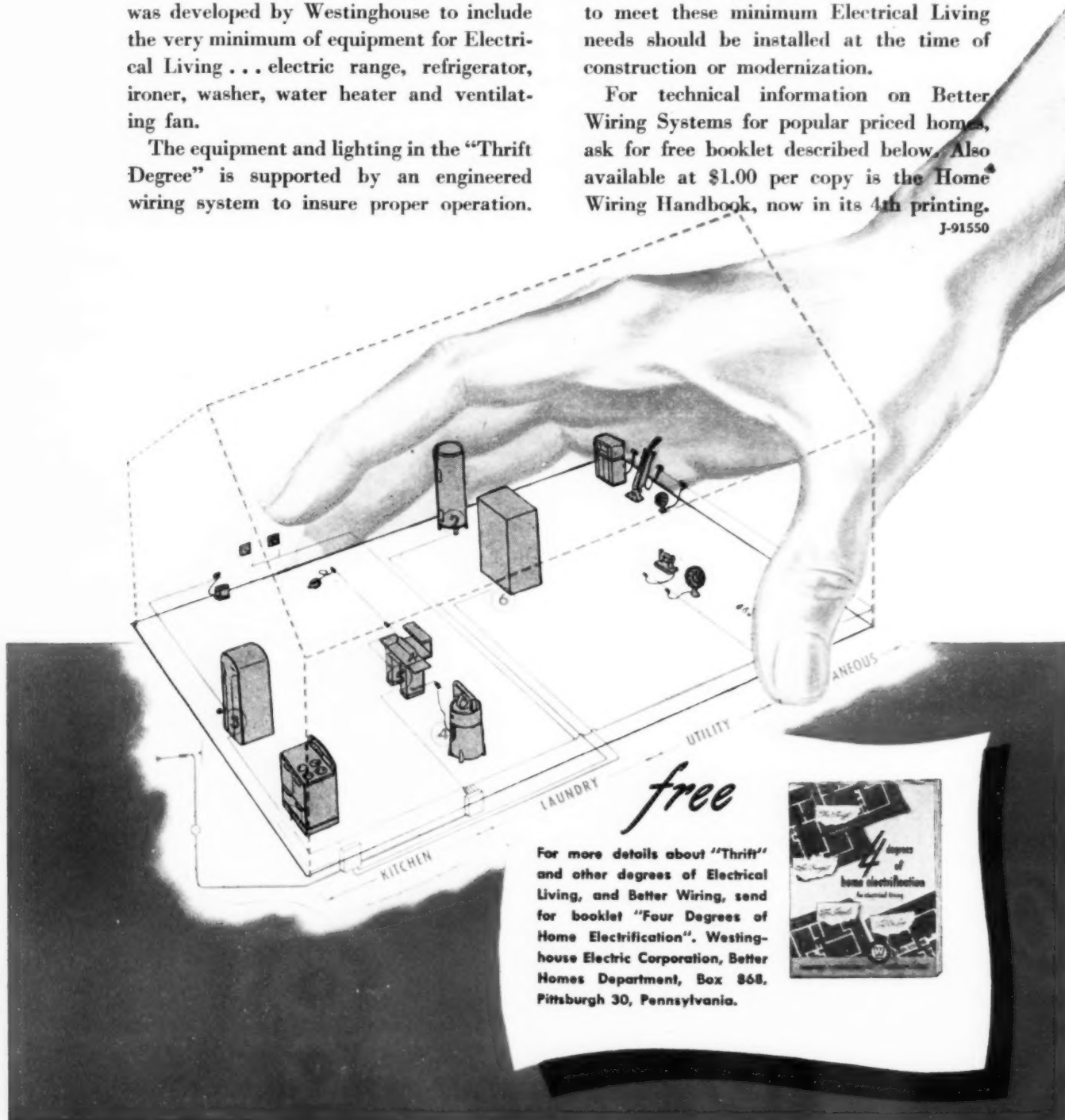
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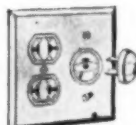
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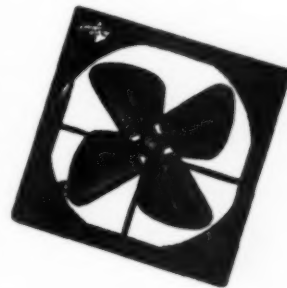
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PUBLIC HOUSING OCCUPANCY

—National Housing Agency recently announced to those interested that Negro families now represent nearly 40 per cent of the occupants of public low-rent housing, and about 15 per cent of those in war housing. This shelter is administered by FPHA which, the announcement states, operates 611,000 public housing units. It also states that only "one-sixth of the Negro families are families of veterans and six per cent are families of servicemen."

INVITATION TO WYATT

—A recent editorial in the Wall Street Journal, entitled, "The Housing Bungle," concludes: "With due deference to Mr. Wyatt's zeal and good intention, we suggest that the way for him to facilitate building is to get himself out of the way of people who want to build in getting together with the people who can build for them." There can be no argument with the Journal's statement in view of the fact that the net result of Wyatt's expediting has been to slow the pace of home building down to a walk.

THE THORSEN CASE

—For months *American Builder* has said that thousands of Americans would build at current high prices, if allowed to, and thus vacate desirable quarters for young vets. Now comes the case of Thorsen, a Chicago educator. He voluntarily vacated an apartment to accommodate a young Navy veteran some months ago. He wanted to retire and build a small house for himself and his wife. He felt that he was doing a patriotic thing in giving up the apartment to the vet, and shifting around in temporary quarters until his new home would be ready to occupy. No one had told him that a man cannot be patriotic under the current form of socially planned government without suffering dire consequences. Thorsen learned the bitter way. He cannot get a permit to build or buy, although hundreds of new homes built for veterans lie unsold and unoccupied, because the vets do not want them. His appeal to NHA was denied on the ground that although his was a hardship case, it was not extreme hardship.

THE CHICAGO BUNGLER—Net result of the NHA disposition of the Thorsen case is: (a) Thorsen, with an unwell wife, forced to suffer privation

and distress. (b) Hundreds of completed houses that vets will not or cannot buy stand unoccupied. (c) Hundreds of vets forced to live in reconstructed prefabs, definitely substandard by reason of being knocked down, moved hundreds of miles and set up on new sites. The Expediter is expediting hardship and disease for veterans and others in Chicago, and the beginning of new slums.

NHA REPORT

—The July report of NHA on the Veterans' Emergency Housing Program says in part, "By and large, as requested by government officials concerned with the housing program, the building materials industry held prices closely to former ceilings during the early weeks of July while waiting for the OPA situation to clarify." That is another blatant attempt to claim credit for government officials for something they had nothing to do with. Producers have been telling NHA and OPA for months that prices would not advance sharply. Neither agency wanted to believe it. Now that there is evidence that makes fooling the public no longer possible, NHA tries to grab credit. The vets, fortunately, are not being fooled by this double-talk.

PREFABRICATION GOALS

—The same NHA report says that "It is now apparent that production of factory-built homes in large quantity will be an important factor in 1947 rather than this year, because of the time required for development work and tooling up for mass production. Consequently, the goal for factory-built homes in 1946 has been reduced to 100,000." That is exactly what the prefabricators themselves told Wyatt last February. As usual it took six months for a fact to become apparent to the Expediter and to NHA.

BLUESTONE BLUES

—Morris Bluestone, a builder in Canton, Ohio, is another good citizen who discovered that patriotism and sound business are not tolerated by government planners if these traditionally desirable traits disturb government controls. Bluestone was building \$7250 homes and selling them to veterans for \$5850. He got the price down by paying his employees cash incentive bonuses. They were all union members, but getting more than union scales. Bluestone was ordered to cut out the bonuses and get down to union scales.

He did. His crews have shrunk, his completion schedules have gone by the boards, and the vets now have to pay \$7250 for houses that Bluestone knows can be sold for \$5850 if WSB would let him and his crews alone. Net result—fewer houses at higher prices. If the Housing Expediter had concerned himself with matters of this kind instead of spending his time pressing for socialized housing legislation there would be many thousands of new homes available today.

NHA CASUALTY

—The principal casualty of NHA's attempts at skullduggery with the vets and the 79th Congress is Wilson Wyatt. Wyatt was fooled completely right at the start. Recently he has learned the truth about prefab production. Also, recently, he learned that most vets do not want to buy or build either low or high cost homes, but do want rental apartments and houses. Now, if he will take the trouble to study the facts about the trumped-up housing emergency, then act in the light of authentic information that has been available to him since he went to Washington, but which he is just now beginning to accept, he can belatedly and at last become a housing expeditor.

GOOD RECORD

—From the establishment of FHA in 1934 through 1945, gross income was \$198,224,123, and operating expenses, \$128,130,017. Thus, this agency, which the spend-thrift NHA wants to take over, has accumulated a balance of income over expenses of more than seventy million dollars, and current income is almost three times operating expenses.

KLUTZNICK

—It is rumored that Philip H. Klutznick, until recently head of the Federal Public Housing Authority, will soon make headlines again—this time as a private builder. If the very able former Public Housing Commissioner is successful it can be hoped that others trying to socialize the building industry will take the cue, resign from government payrolls, and get into private home building. In this way public housers at last could learn things they obviously do not know, things not found in their text books, and which cannot be learned behind a desk in Washington.

THE SHOE PINCHES

—John J. Ryan, about to enter the real estate business in Chicago in June, said, "Holding the line on landlords and letting everything else go up is poor business. Landlords are entitled to some consideration." There would be nothing noteworthy about this statement except for the fact that Mr. Ryan, until he resigned earlier in the month, was the very zealous director of the Chicago area OPA rent control office. He may say, of course, that he has changed his mind, but it appears more likely that he has merely changed his job, and that his illuminating remark resulted from the necessity of bucking the unrealistic regulations he formerly enjoyed enforcing.

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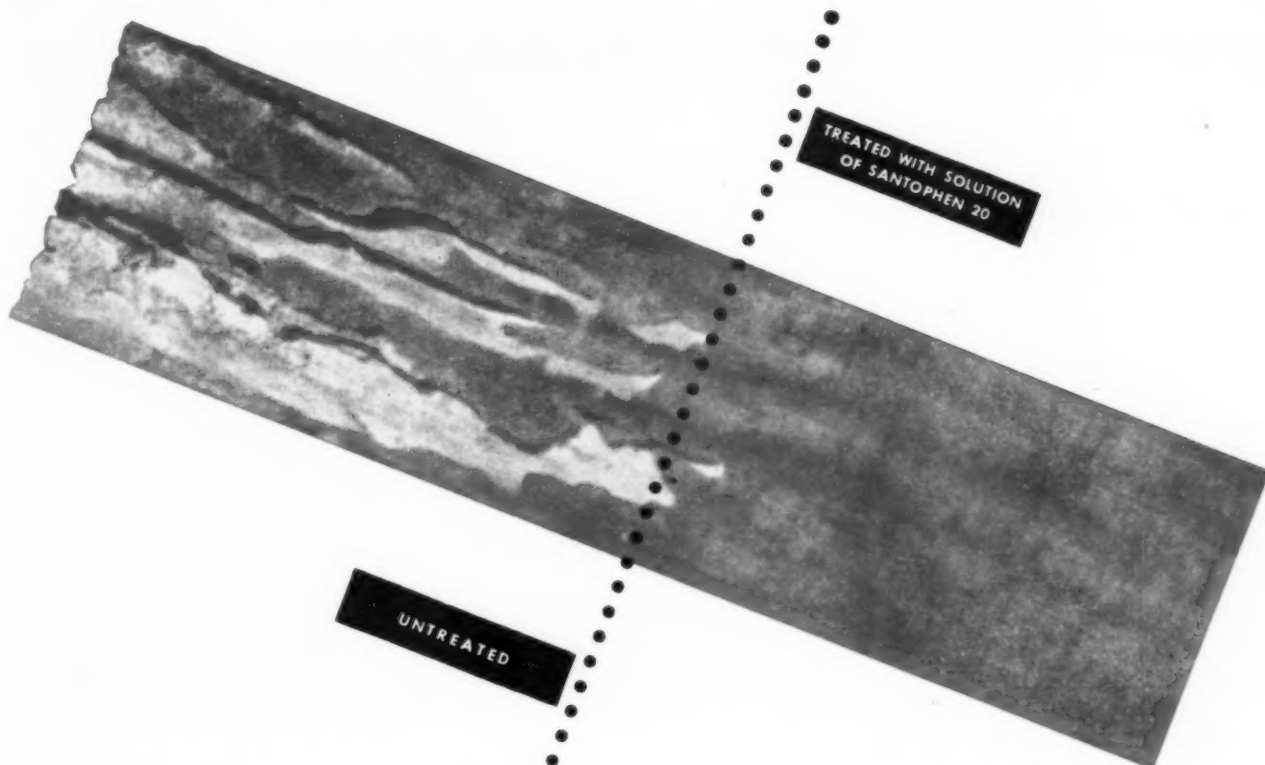


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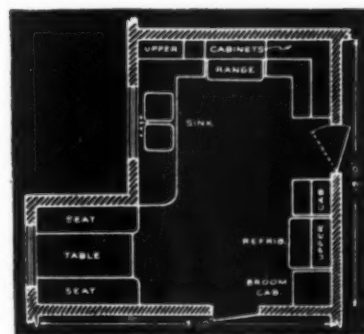
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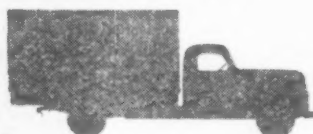
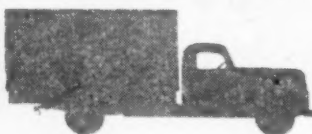
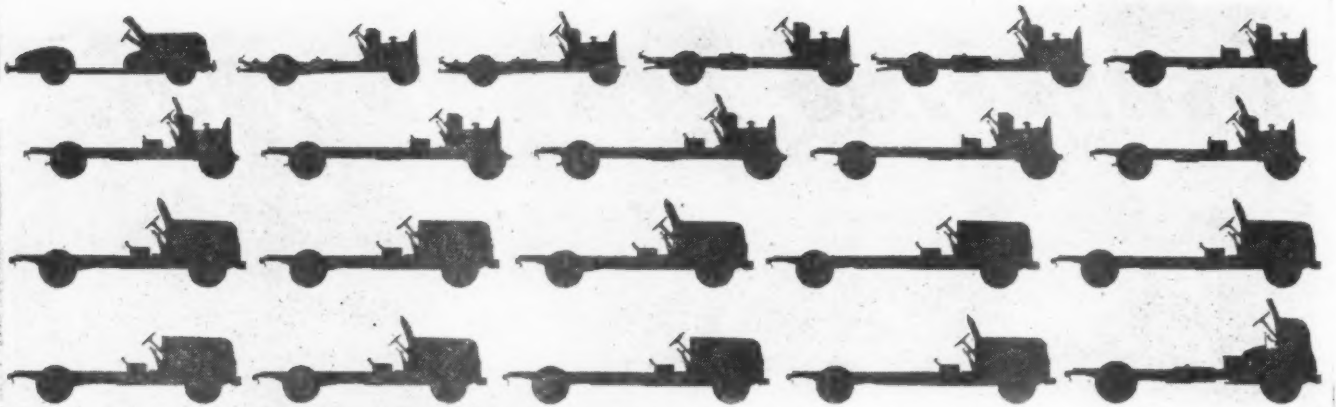
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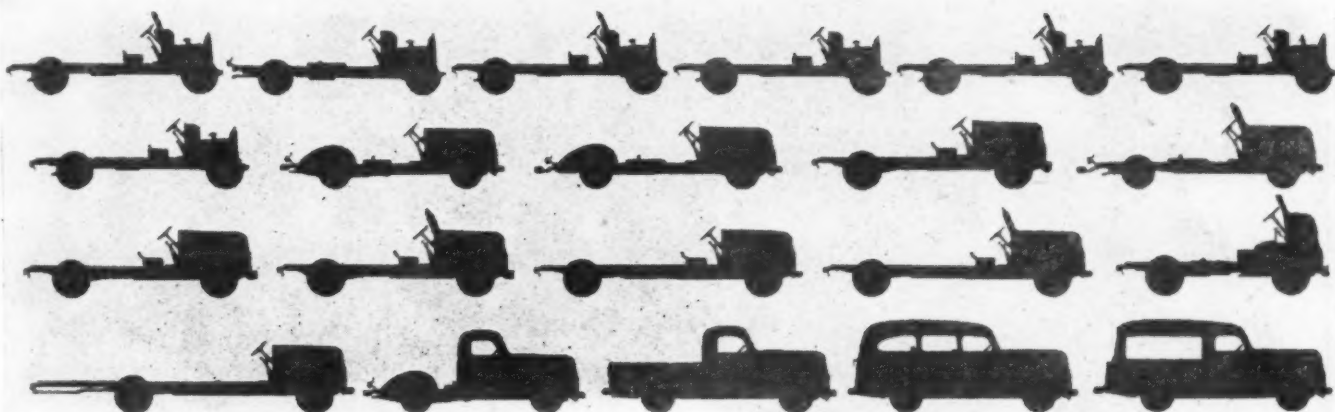


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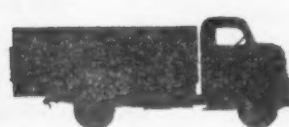
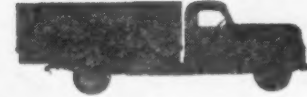
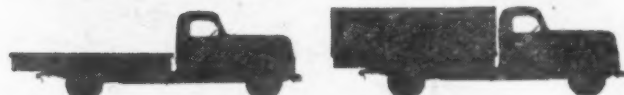
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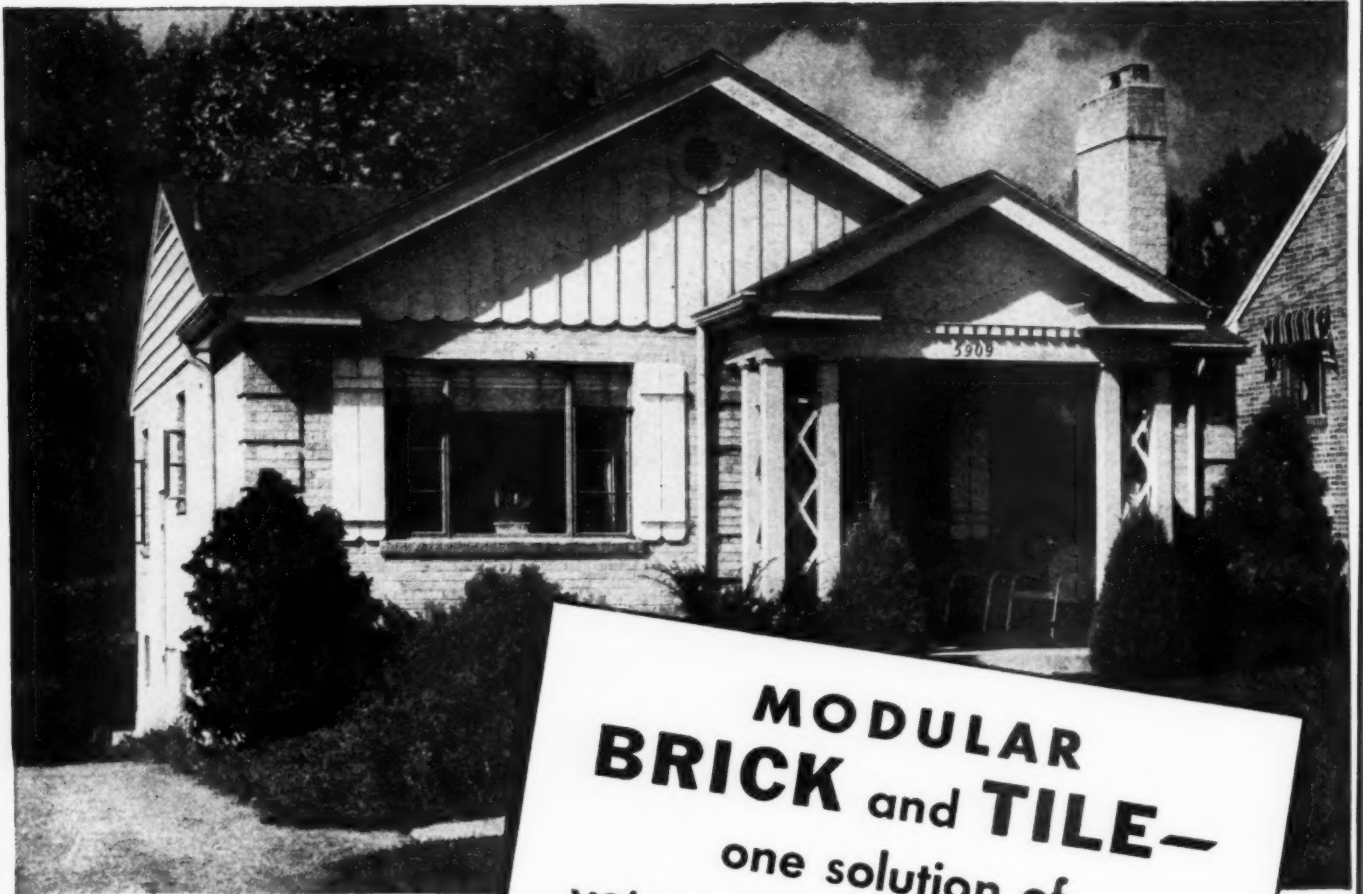
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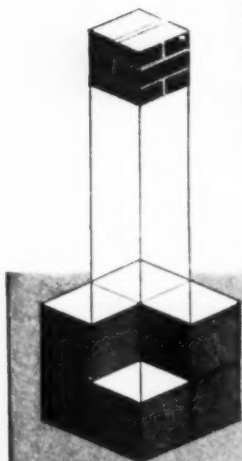
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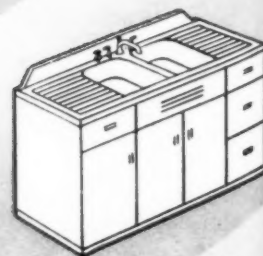
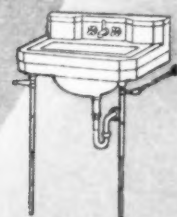
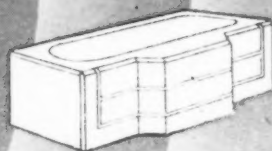
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NEWS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS AND AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

W-E-T Bill Killed By Congressional Adjournment

In the closing days of the session, the 79th Congress witnessed an all-out attempt to enforce the enactment of the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill. This exceedingly long and complex measure would go a long way in the direction of socializing the home construction industry according to the pattern in operation in Great Britain, where four of every five homes now are built by the government. (*American Builder*, Jan. '46, p. 90.)

Focus of the storm was the House Banking and Currency Committee, where hearings were to be scheduled on the 118-page housing bill. With nearly forty opposition witnesses clamoring for a chance to put in their case against the huge public housing measure, and with only five days left before adjournment early in August, the Committee decided to let the bill go by the boards for the time being. To all practical purposes, this killed the bill for the session despite its earlier passage by the Senate.

Last minute developments included a blast from NHA Administrator Wyatt accusing "very potent private lobby groups" of responsibility for delaying consideration of the bill, an elaboration of this charge by the president of the National Public Housing Conference, and letters from President Truman to House leaders asking for the "earliest possible action" by that body.

Housing Lobbyists Not Mentioned

The blasts against lobbying made no mention of the activities of the socialized housing lobbyists, many of them on the public payroll, to exert pressure upon Congress. Nor did they explain that the tactics complained of were aimed at procuring serious and fair consideration by the committee of the many important, costly and significant changes proposed in federal policies and operations in the housing field.

The proponents did, however, play up to the utmost the claim that passage of the W-E-T bill was "essential" to the success of the so-called Wyatt Veterans' Emergency Housing Program, although all informed critics pointed out that a long-range socialized housing program could do little to relieve present conditions and, to the extent that it could have been made immediately effective, would have competed with the private builder for scarce materials and labor.

And they also overlooked the fact that Congress had already given the Housing Expediter ample powers to aid the veterans in their search for housing.

The Wyatt Housing Program Has Boggled Down, NAHB Survey Reveals

A survey of active builders in twenty-three states revealed that less than 10 per cent of the veterans' houses started under the so-called Veterans' Emergency Housing Program have been completed because of failure of the government to assure a flow of building materials, Frank Cortright, NAHB executive vice president, recently announced.

"The survey showed that 92 per cent of all veterans' houses started since the inception of the Wyatt program January 15 are either at a standstill or seriously delayed because of lack of materials. In seven major areas builders surveyed reported 40,054 priorities taken out (since January 15); 21,766 units started and 1,355 completed—a ratio of 8 per cent of the 'starts' completed, 92 per cent unfinished," Cortright reported.

In all cases, builders reported that shortages of critical materials are responsible for the bogging down of the program.

"Unless something is done quickly to get more materials to builders, thousands of veterans face another winter with no place of their own to live," Cortright declared. "These reports from builders trying to get veterans' housing built show only too clearly that all the talk in Washington about government action and all the legislation enacted and proposed has been ineffective in producing houses."

A cross section of sixty-nine of the nation's most active builders' association groups were queried in 23 states.

Builders reported that the time needed

to complete a house has lengthened from a normal three months to nine or twelve months. In San Francisco, one builder reported no completions out of 137 starts; another no completions out of 400 starts. In Denver, one builder had three completions out of 104 starts; in Chicago, no completions out of 400 starts were reported by another builder. On Long Island, 100 completions were reported for 1,800 starts. A Detroit builder was able to finish only 26 dwellings out of 310 started. In Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Syracuse, completions were zero out of 41, 74 and 32 respective starts.

"For months the home builders have warned the government that veterans can't live in paper plans, bound in red-tape," Cortright continued. "Builders have taken out priorities for more than 500,000 dwelling units; they have started more than 250,000, but everywhere construction is seriously stalled because of lack of materials that were supposed to back up the priorities. Mr. Wyatt assured us that they would be."

"It is most disheartening to find government heads still playing politics instead of taking effective action to stimulate the flow of critically short building materials and breaking material bottlenecks," Cortright concluded. "It is likely that the NAHB directorate will have to be called to Washington early this fall for another meeting, similar to our May conference with housing officials, in an attempt to break the continuing material log jam."

San Antonio Association Officers Meet



BACK row—(l. to r.): H. C. Thorman, director; G. S. McCreless, secretary; W. T. Thrift, W. W. McAllister, directors. Front row—(l. to r.): Frank Robertson, vice president; Dave Young, director; V. F. Buchek, president; L. G. Hodges, treasurer; L. B. Miller, exec. secretary.

Cortright's Column



By Frank Cortright

Executive Vice President
NAHB

In Washington, it's a case of "After the Ball is Over." The orchestra has gone home; the lights are dimmed; the doors are locked; but as far as the W-E-T (Wagner-Elender-Taft) bill is concerned, the melody lingers on. As an illustration of the determination of the public housing lobby to revive the knocked-out W-E-T bill, we quote below a letter sent out to its members by the National Public Housing Conference, Inc., spearhead of the public housing movement. If you thought that we are all through with our fight to maintain free business and build private housing, read the letter carefully. Mutterings continue about a special session of the Congress to be called after the elections. That continues to be the grand strategy of the housers, but would be resented by the Congressmen who would have to trek back to Washington a month-and-a-half earlier than otherwise.

The letter is as follows:

"The attached issue of PUBLIC HOUSING was prepared in a day, printed in two, and its entire purpose was to urge each of you to action in behalf of S. 1592, the Wagner-Elender-Taft General Housing Bill.

"Before we could get it in the mails, the House Banking and Currency Committee on July 29, without a formal vote, agreed not to conduct further hearings. But the spirits of those who have been fighting for the legislation are not even dampened.

"We may have a fight to make in November, if there is a special session of Congress. We may have to begin all over again in January. But whatever it takes the job will be done. Every member of NPHC should be proud of the work of members from all sections of the country who came to Washington and said: 'We shall stick until a decision is reached.' They stuck, the President sent messages, there were hearings of the Committee both day and night—none of these things would have been possible had it not been for your representatives who came in to fight the tough battle.

"Nothing has been lost, much has been gained. This issue is sent because we want you to know that for the interests of all citizens, we are fighting."

NAHB Membership Passes 10,000 Mark

Membership in the National Association has now passed the 10,000 mark and affiliated Home Builders' organizations have been established in every city in the United States with a population of more than 200,000, George J. Goudreau, Cleveland, NAHB secretary and membership committee chairman, recently announced.

"Our established rate of growth since February 1942, when we had only 252 members, has accelerated this year to such an extent that our 1946 goal of 12,000 is assured," he said. "This increase reflects the fine work of the membership committee and our fifteen regional vice presidents."

It was also reported that many new local organizations are in the process of formation in every part of the country. "Although the last great industry group to become organized," Mr. Goudreau said in conclusion, "home builders have effectively demonstrated the truth of Daniel Webster's statement: 'There are many objects of great value to man which cannot be attained by unconnected individuals, but must be attained, if attained at all, by association.'"

National Convention Plans Gather Momentum

The 1947 NAHB Convention and Exposition, scheduled to be held in the world's largest hotel—The Stevens in Chicago—February 24-25-26-27, is already taking definite shape and promises to surpass the successful event staged in February, 1946, when an attendance record of 11,000 was set.

Convention Chairman W. Hamilton Crawford, Baton Rouge, La., has high hopes of establishing both exhibit and attendance records at the 1947 meeting. The huge Stevens' exposition hall has been carefully laid out with a view to giving exhibitors larger, better arranged spaces. More than 65 per cent of the 1946 exhibitors have indicated their intention of displaying their products at the exposition.

West Coast Builders Meet with National President

A series of important regional meetings was recently held in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and Seattle by NAHB member builders in those areas to confer with President Joseph Meyerhoff and other national officers, including Frank W. Cortright, executive vice president, George J. Goudreau, Cleveland, secretary, Edward R. Carr, Washington, D. C., member of the NAHB executive committee, and Paul S. Van Auken, Chicago, 1947 Convention and Exposition chairman.

Under discussion were vital matters of national policy such as future action on the so-called Wyatt Veterans' Emergency Housing Program, the materials shortages



which are delaying the completion of hundreds of thousands of veterans' homes, and the 1947 NAHB Convention and Exposition.

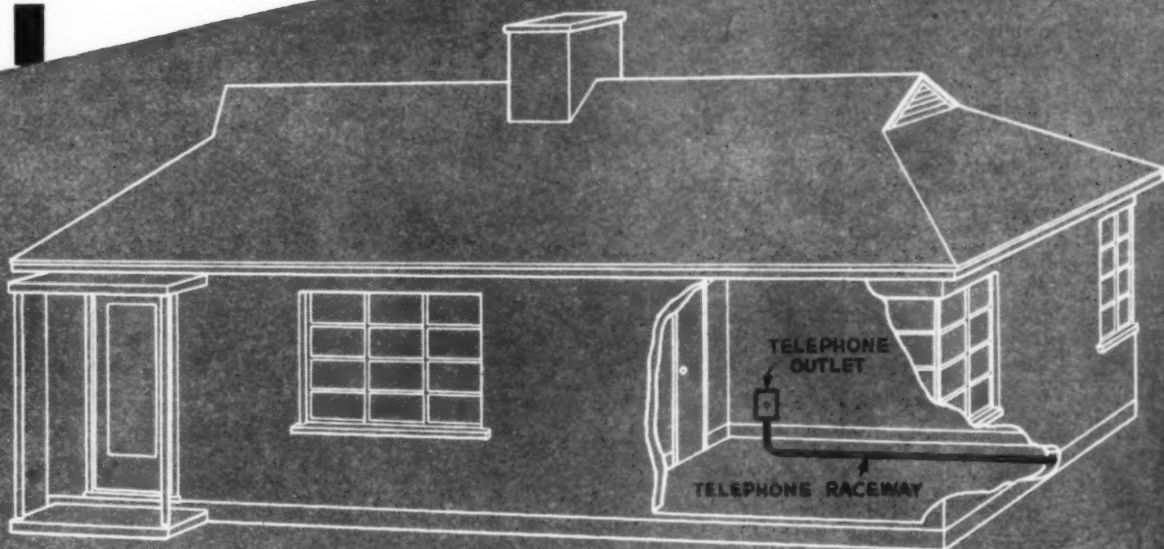
Shown in the photograph above is Mr. Meyerhoff addressing the Home Builders' Conference sponsored by the Home Builders Institute of Los Angeles and the Building Contractors Association of California, Inc., NAHB affiliated local associations. The meetings were held in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

Building Men Inspect Higgins House



SHOWN ABOVE, following an inspection of the recently announced Higgins' Thermo-Namel House, are: front row, left to right—C. Earl Colomb, president, New Orleans Chapter, NAHB; Lewis A. Lachin, FHA architect; A. K. Northrop, past president, New Orleans Chapter, MBA; Douglas W. Svendsen, FHA state director for Louisiana; M. I. Diggs, Higgins Industries, Inc.; D. C. McGinness, FHA district director for So. Calif.; Roland C. Higgins, Higgins Industries, Inc. Back row, left to right—R. J. Gelpi, FHA chief underwriter; M. P. Arnoult, Jr., chairman, Board of Governors, and C. E. Whitmore, president, Louisiana Homestead Savings & Loan League; and A. R. Lundquist, executive vice president, New Orleans Chapter, NAHB.

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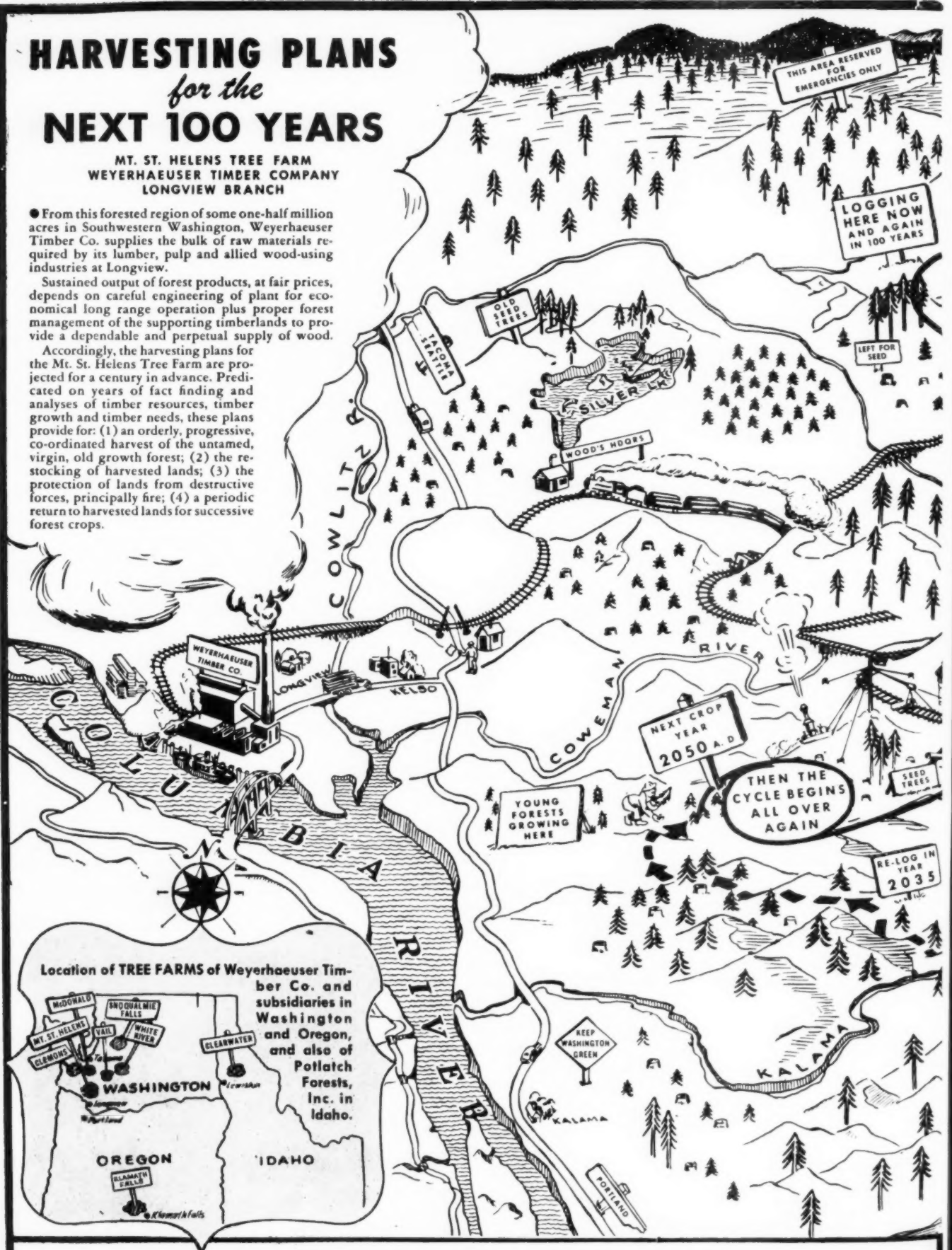
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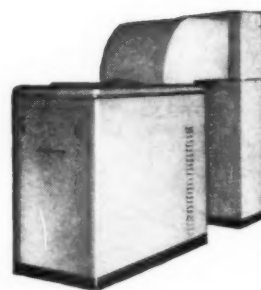
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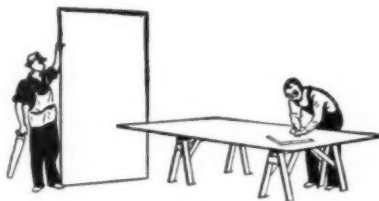
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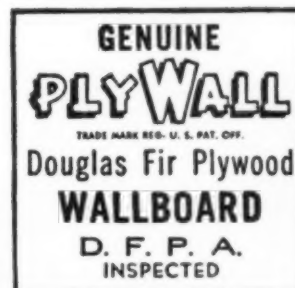
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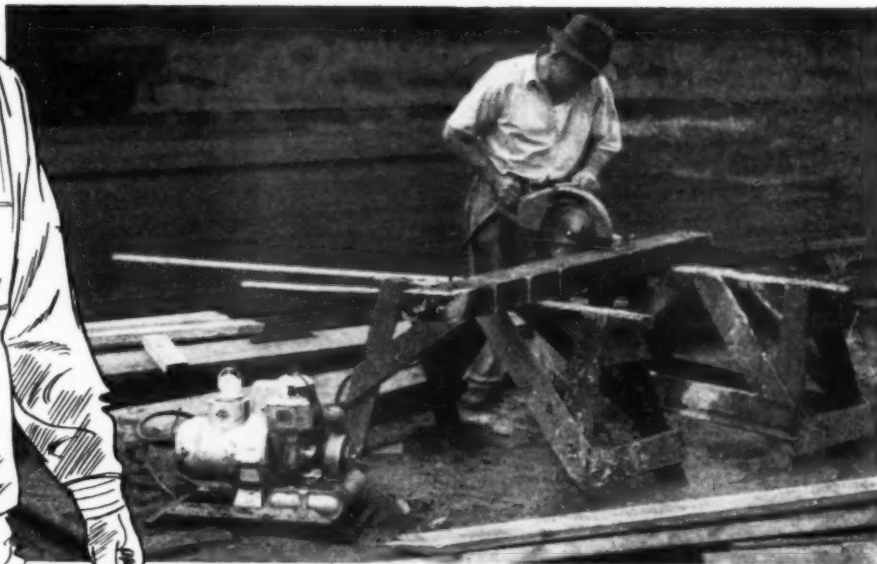
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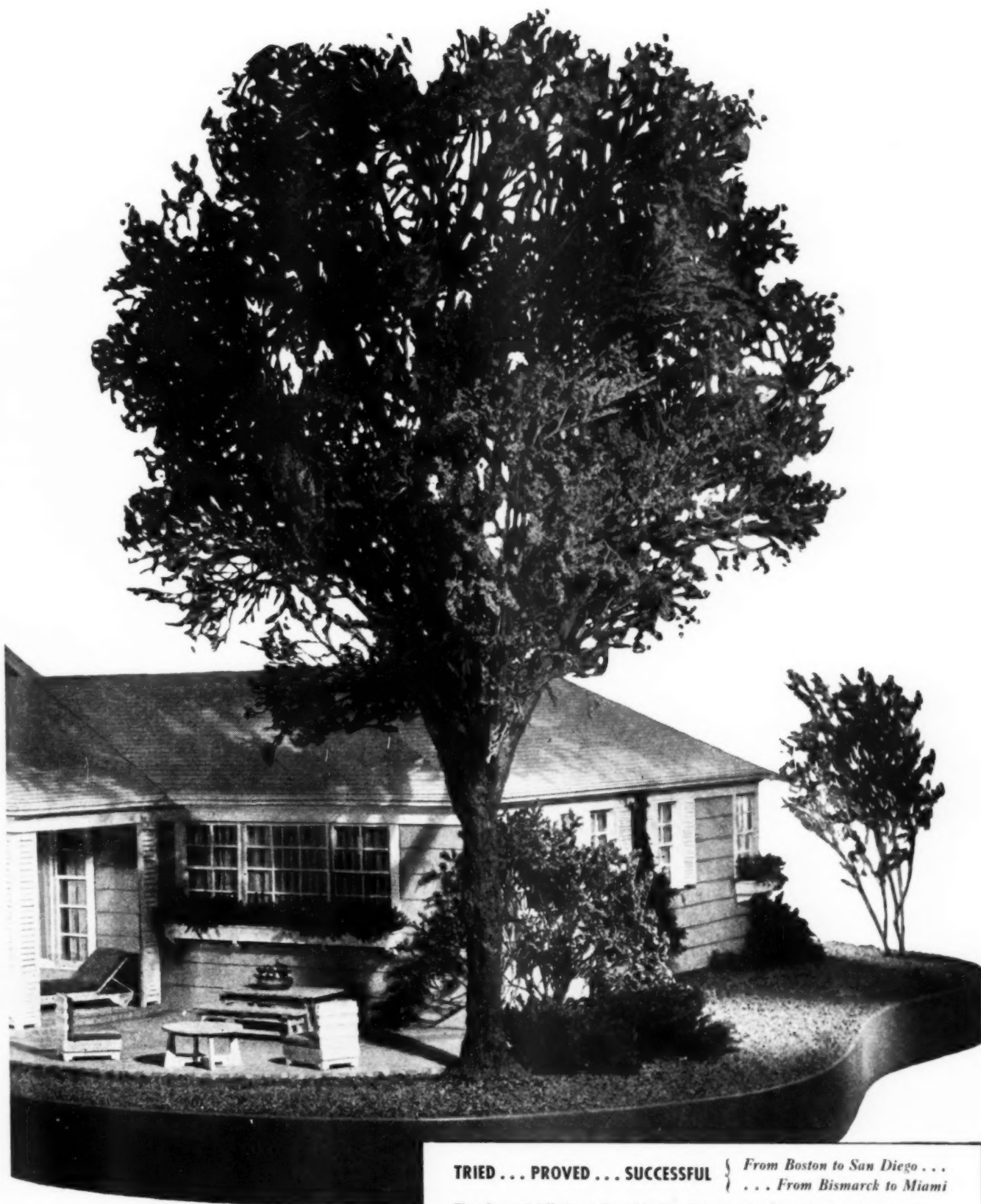
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*** In a scientific public opinion survey** recently completed, one of the questions asked was, "In what manufacturer of roofing materials would you have the greatest confidence?"

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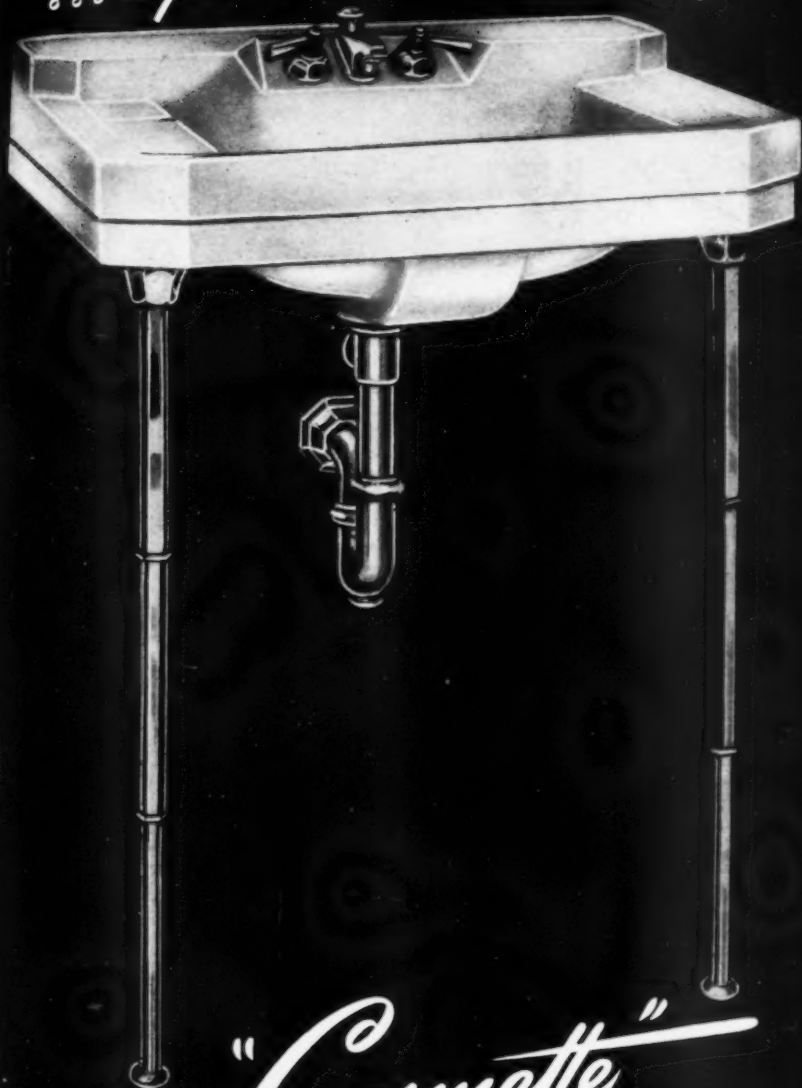
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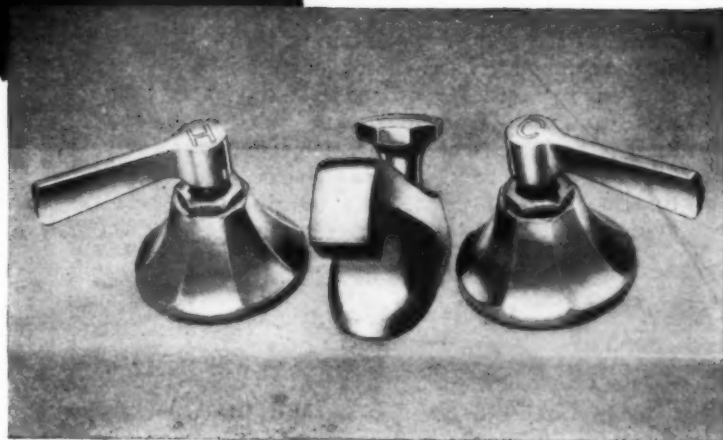
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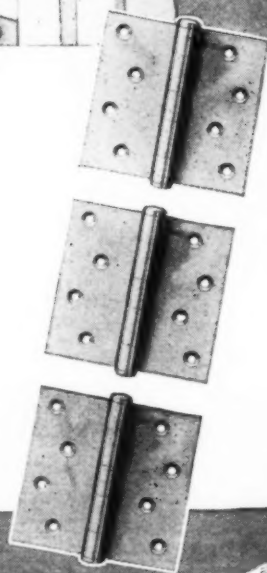
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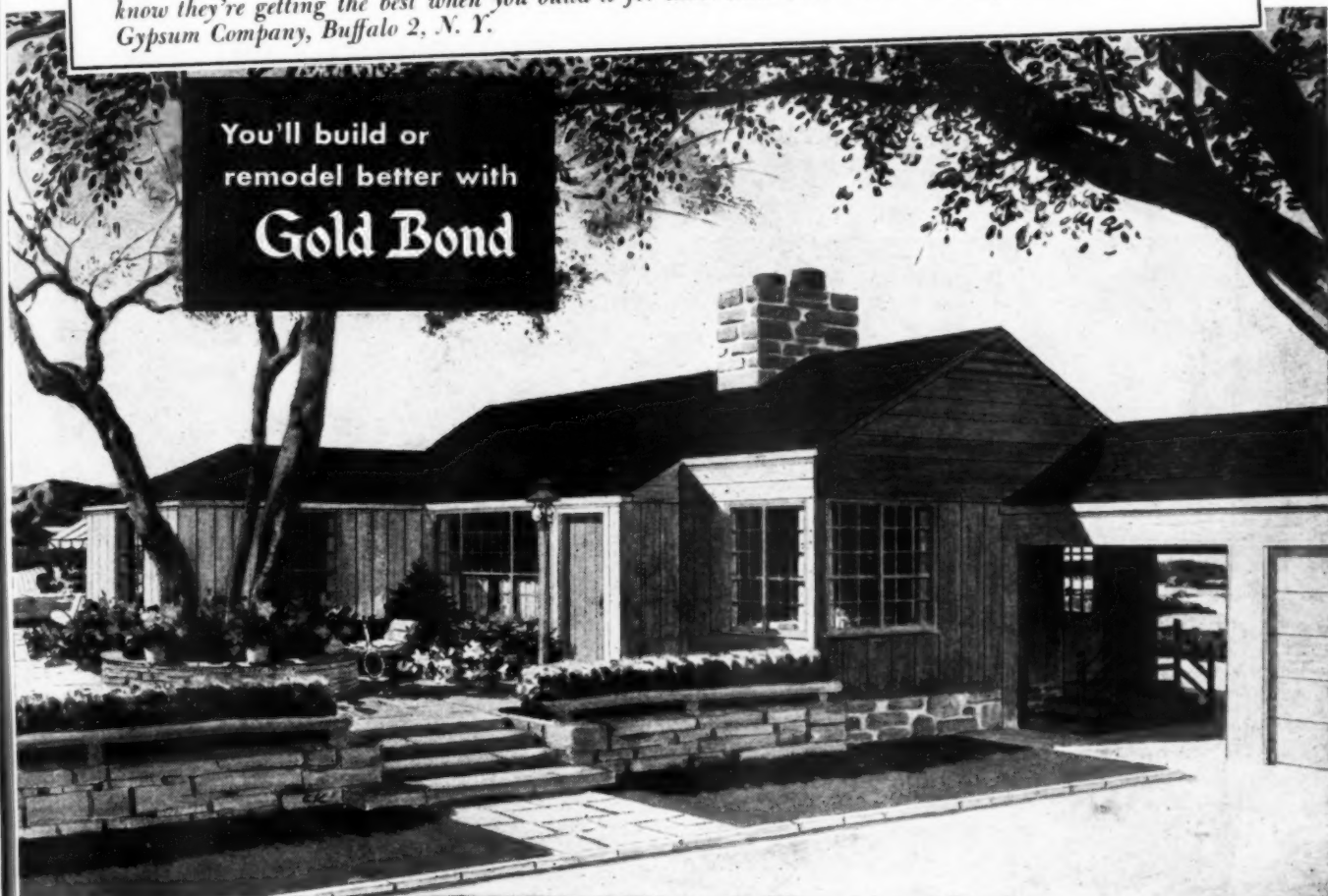


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How not to build a Haunted House . . .

NOT all haunted houses are old. Many a new house starts to haunt its owner from the day he moves in. Haunt him with troubles, worries, and ever mounting expense. This has always been true. And it's even truer today with so many people wanting homes that there isn't enough good material to go around.

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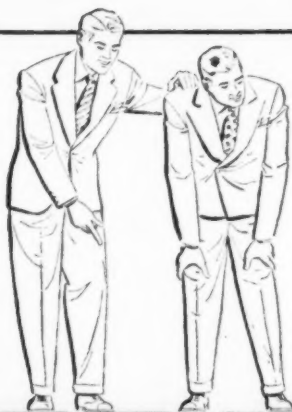


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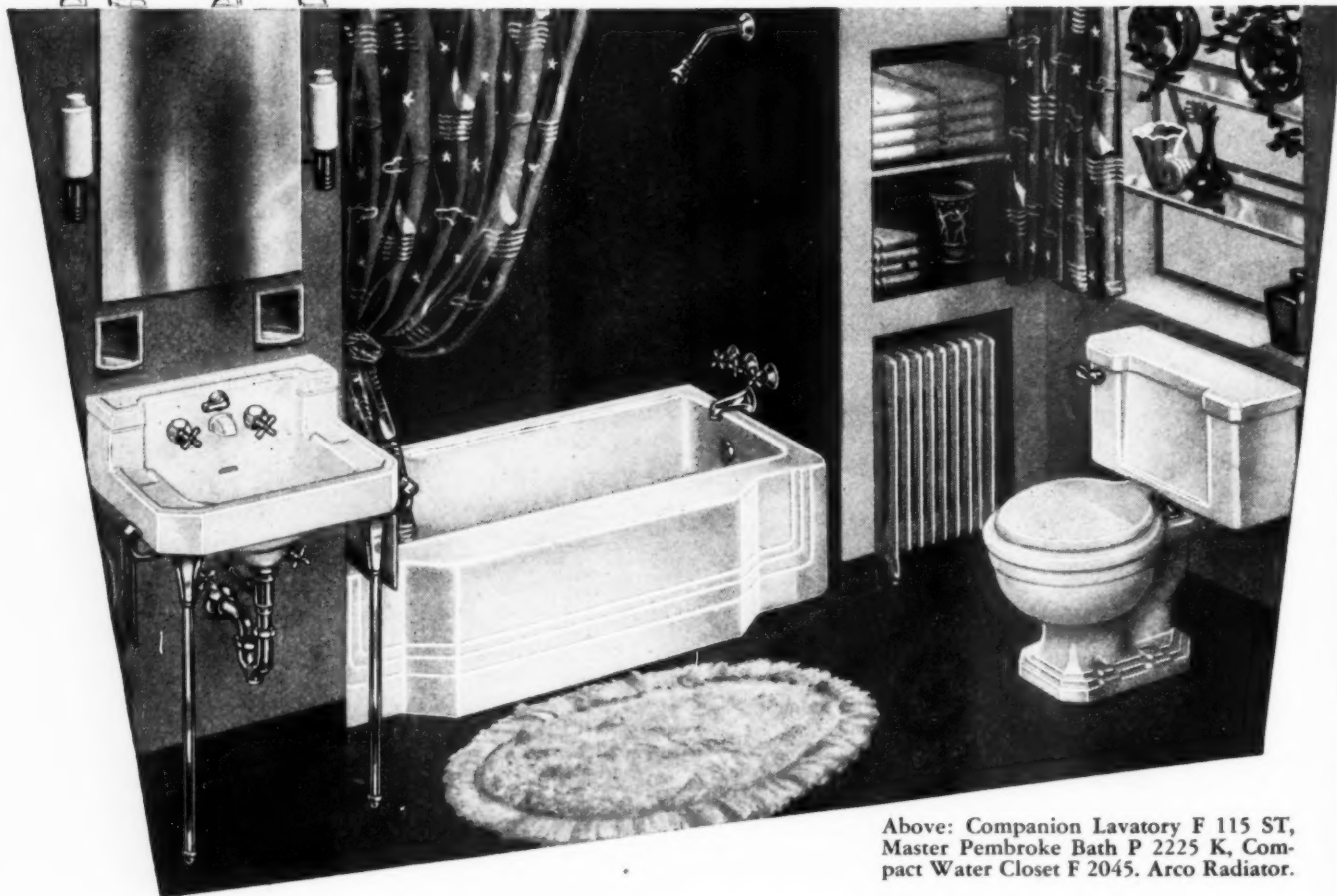
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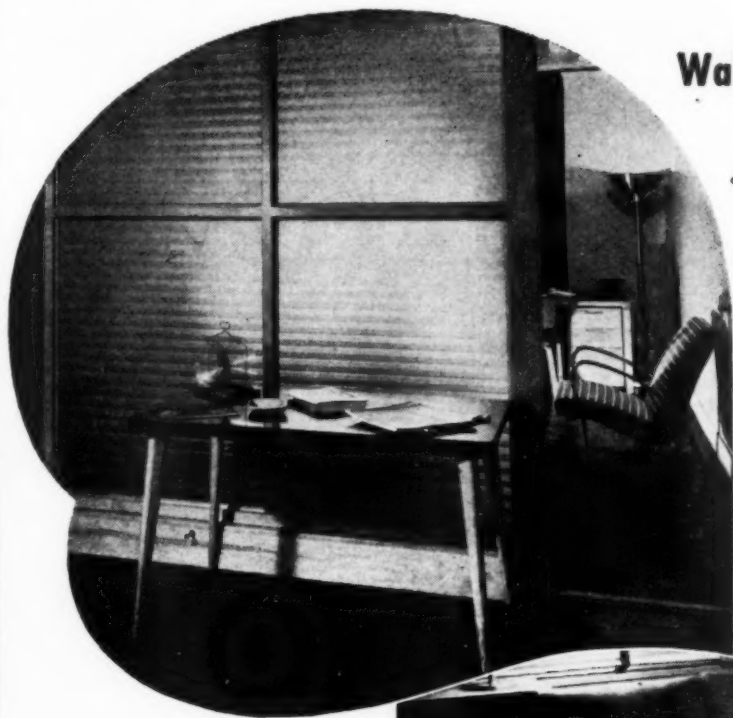
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Bertell, Inc., uses glass for more space and light in its New York offices.



Walls of *Louvrex Glass* overcome cramped space limits

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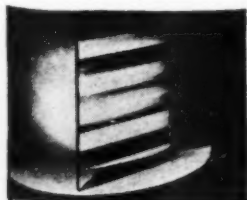
Bertell, Inc., New York design and development firm, recently was confronted with severe space problems in reconverting wartime quarters to civilian work. Under the guidance of President Roy C. Bertell, the staff created a foyer, reception room, design department, storage space and executive offices in an extremely limited area.

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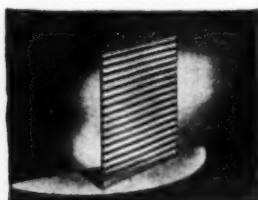
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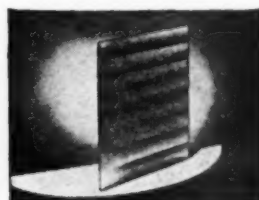
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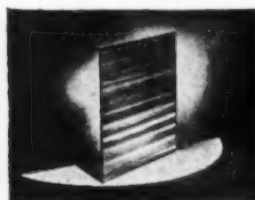
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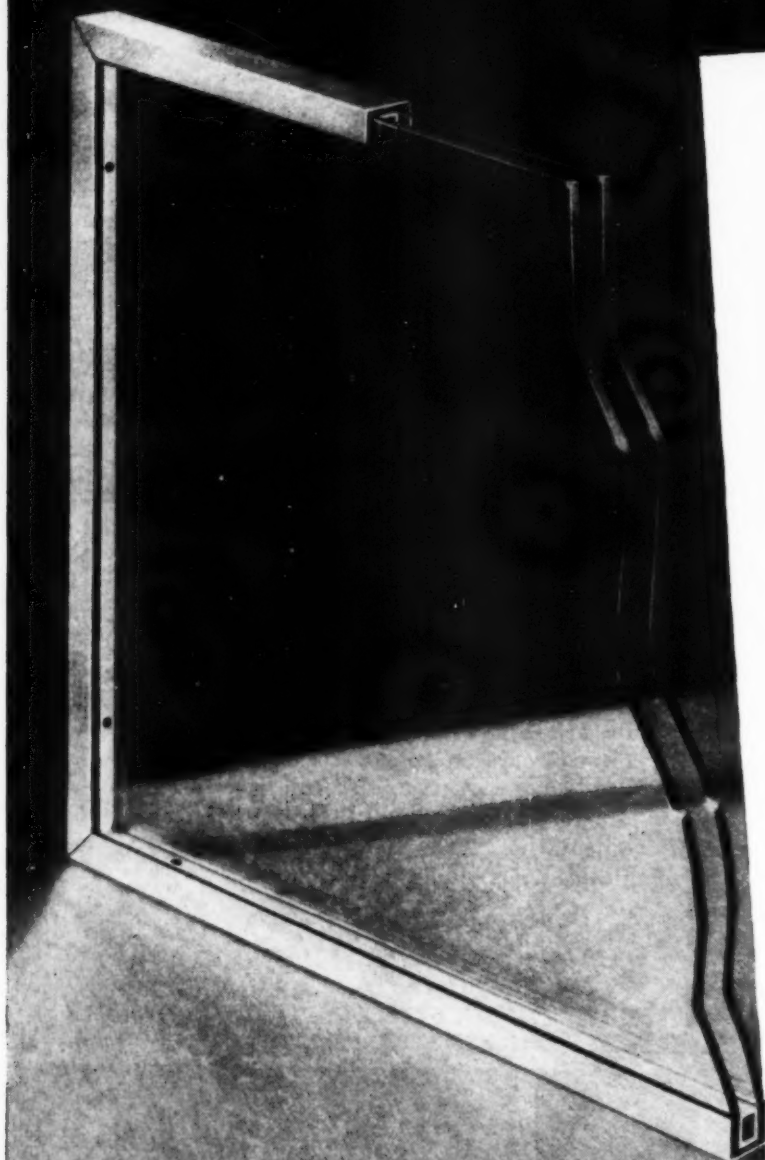
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QUESTION . . .

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ANSWER . . .

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QUESTION . . .

Where can **TWINDOW** be used most advantageously?

ANSWER . . .

Twindow should be used wherever clear vision and effective insulation are important. It is a "natural" for large windows in homes, for store front windows, large windows in factories, office buildings and institutions.

QUESTION . . .

Why was **TWINDOW** developed?

ANSWER . . .

Twindow is the result of extensive research at the Pittsburgh Plate Glass laboratories to develop an efficient, eco-



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nomical means of combining transparency with good insulating qualities.

QUESTION . . .

Just how well does **TWINDOW** insulate?

ANSWER . . .

Twindow reduces heat loss through windows to less than half that experienced with a single pane of glass. This insulation decreases the load on heating or air-conditioning equipment.

QUESTION . . .

What effect does **TWINDOW** have on room comfort?

ANSWER . . .

Twindow makes areas close to windows just as comfortable as other parts of the room. It minimizes downdrafts and helps to keep temperature and humidity at proper levels.

QUESTION . . .

Can **TWINDOW** help eliminate the nuisance of fogged windows?

ANSWER . . .

Yes. Except under extreme conditions, Twindow's sealed air space prevents con-



densation on the glass, assuring clear vision. And since no dirt or dust can reach its sealed-in surfaces, Twindow is as easy to clean as an ordinary window.

QUESTION . . .

Does **TWINDOW** require some special installation technique?

ANSWER . . .

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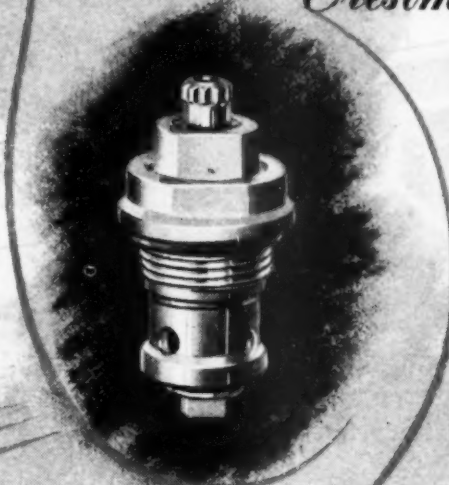
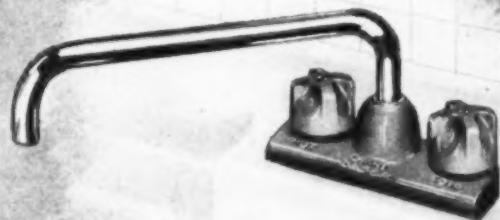
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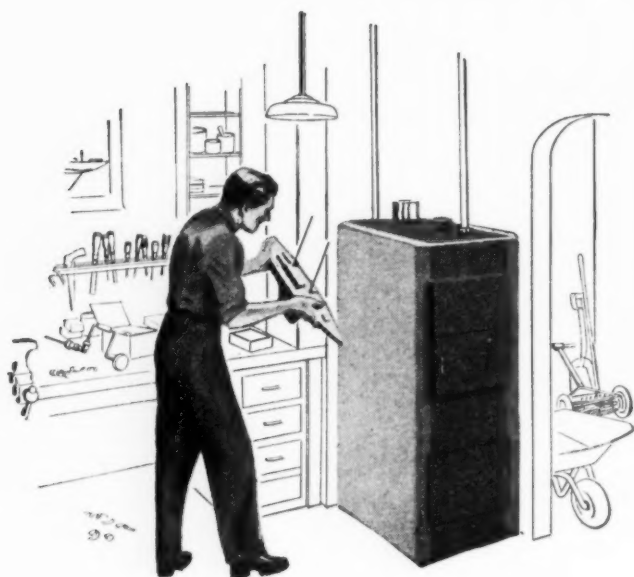
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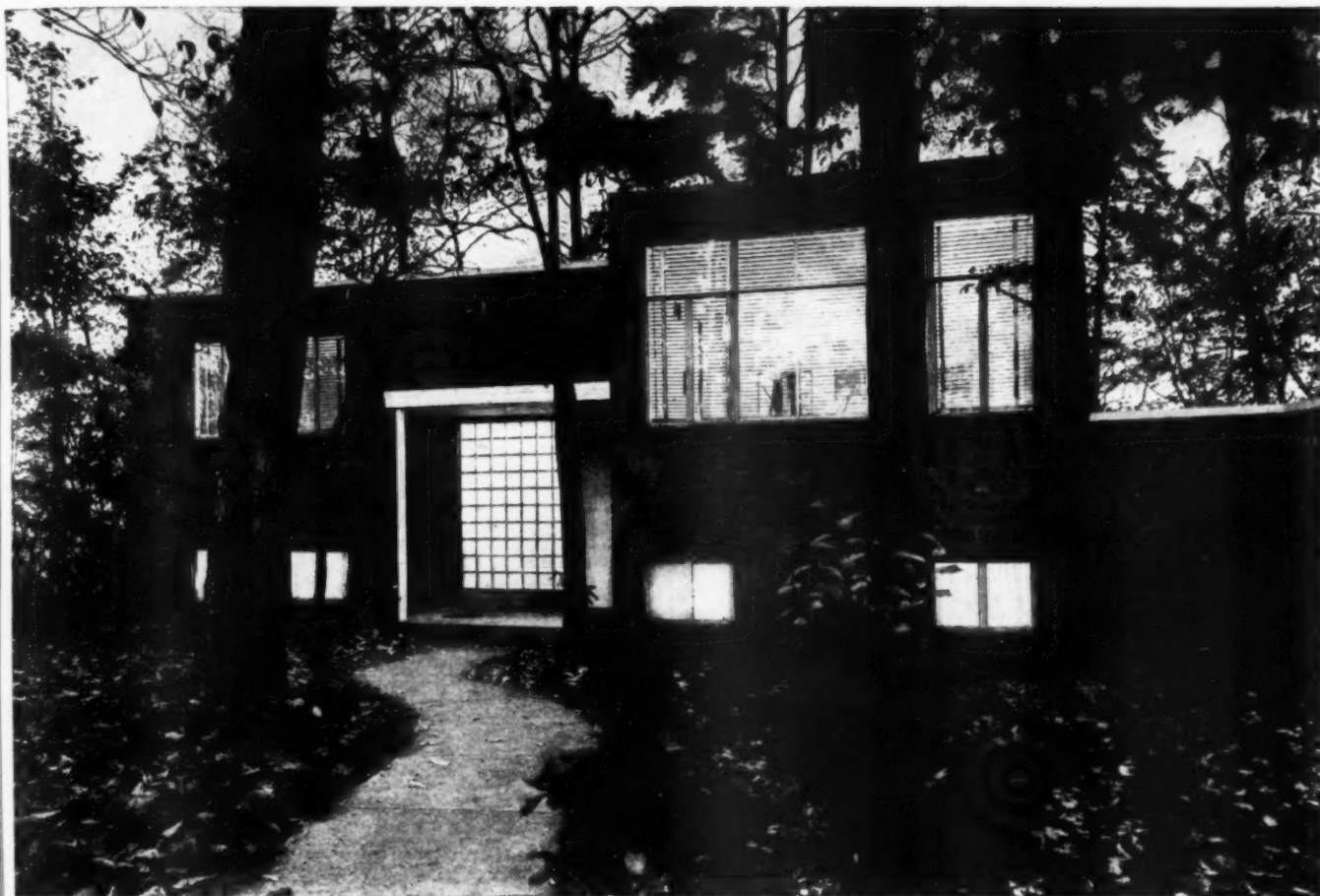
Send for your copy of our booklet "Plan To Be Comfortable." There's no obligation, of course.



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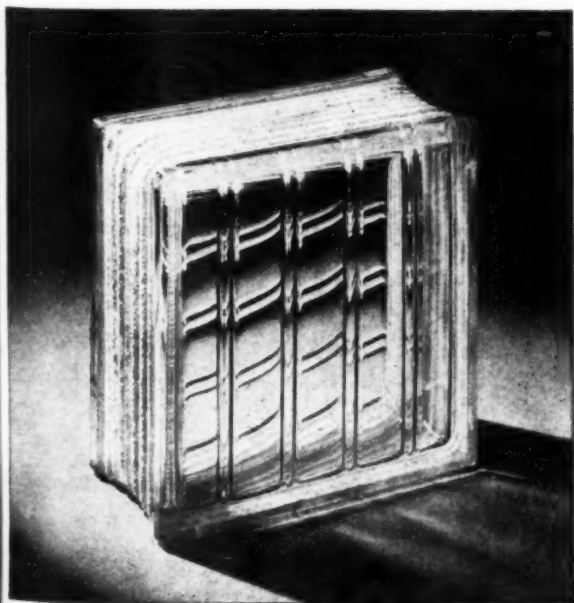
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When inside lights go on, the cheerful panel of Insulux Glass Block at the entrance of this home in the Little Switzerland development extends a friendly welcome. In daytime the stair hall is flooded with diffused natural daylight—

without sacrificing privacy. Restricted to homes of contemporary design, the Little Switzerland development is located high on Brown's Mountain, six miles from Knoxville, Tennessee.

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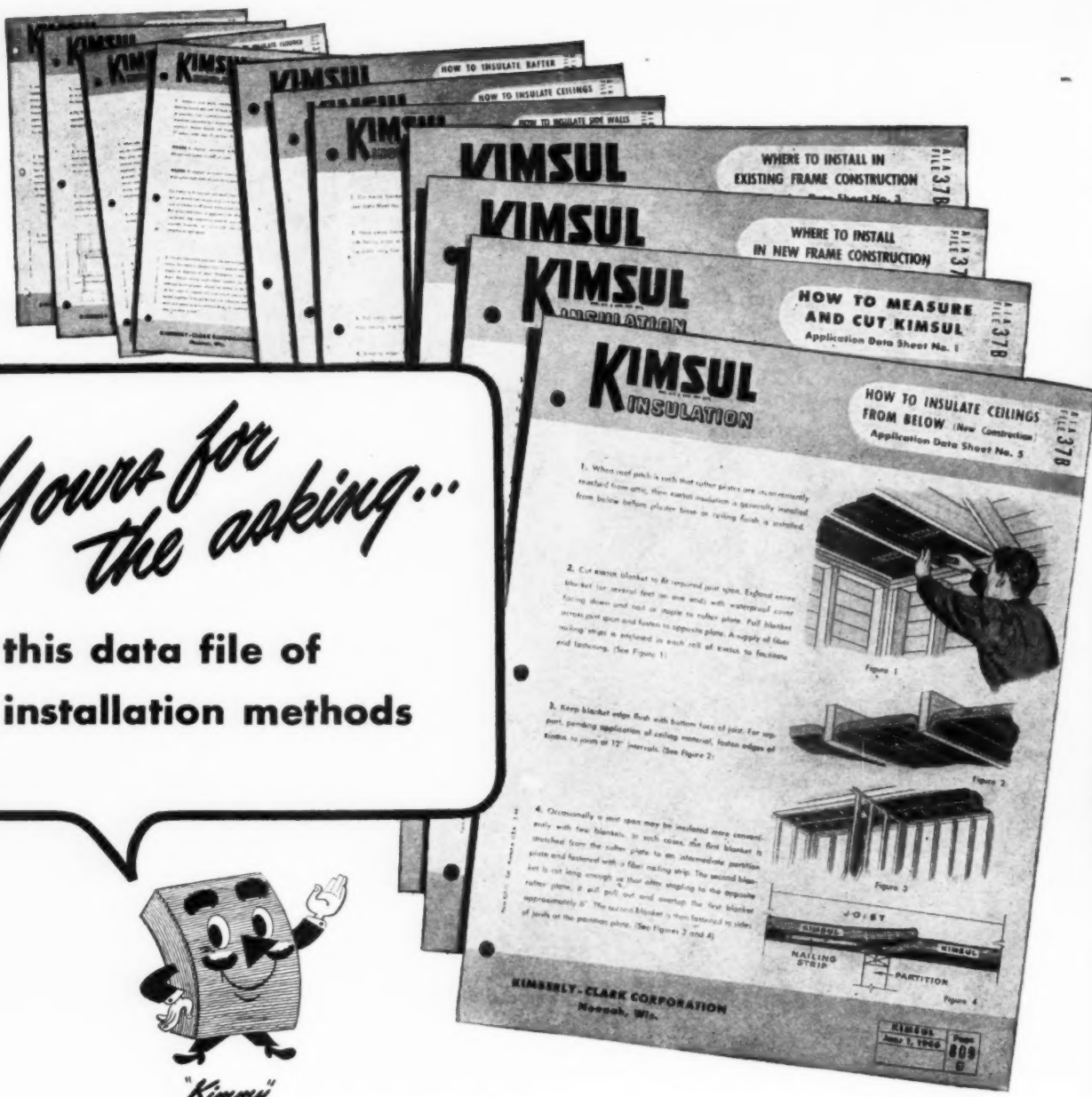
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Application Data Sheet No. 5

- When roof pitch is such that rafter plates are incrementally reached from attic, then exact insulation is generally installed from below before plaster base or ceiling finish is installed.
- Cut entire blanket to fit required joint space. Extend entire blanket for several feet on one end; with waterproof cover facing down and nail or staple to rafter plate. Pull blanket across joint space and fasten to opposite plate. A supply of fiber nailing strips is enclosed in each roll of blanket to facilitate end fastening. (See Figure 1)
- Keep blanket edge flush with bottom face of joint. For support, pending application of ceiling material, fasten edges of blanket to joists at 12" intervals. (See Figure 2)
- Occasionally a joint space may be insulated more conveniently with two blankets. In such cases, the first blanket is stretched from the rafter plate to an intermediate partition and fastened with a fiber nailing strip. The second blanket is cut long enough to fit after stapling to the opposite rafter plate. It will pull out and overlap the first blanket approximately 6". The second blanket is then fastened to sides of joists on the partition plate. (See Figures 3 and 4)

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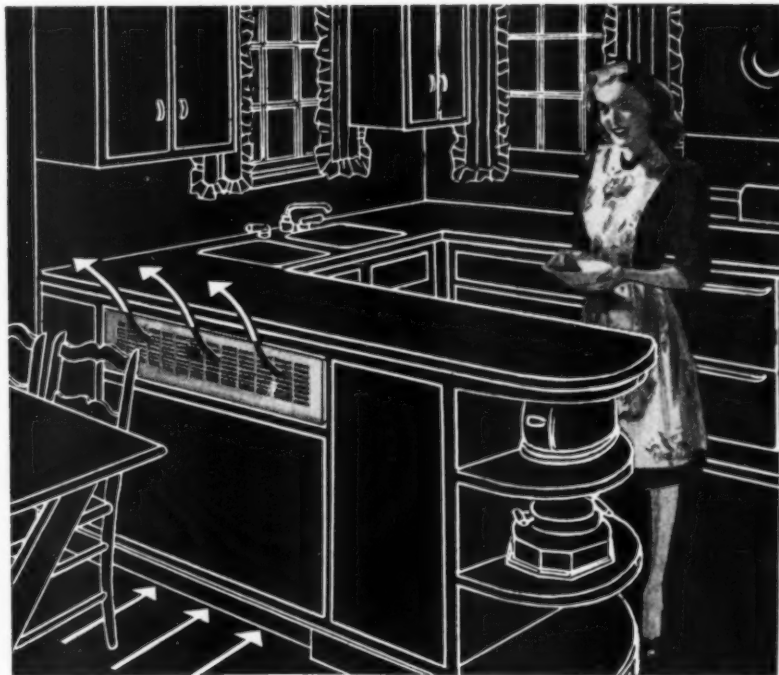
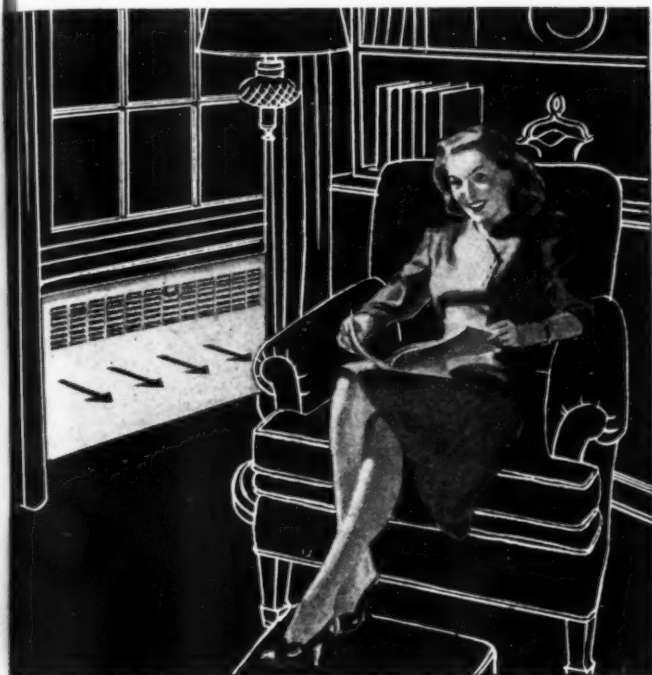
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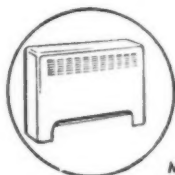
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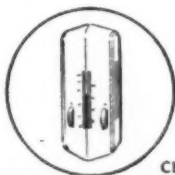
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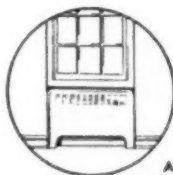
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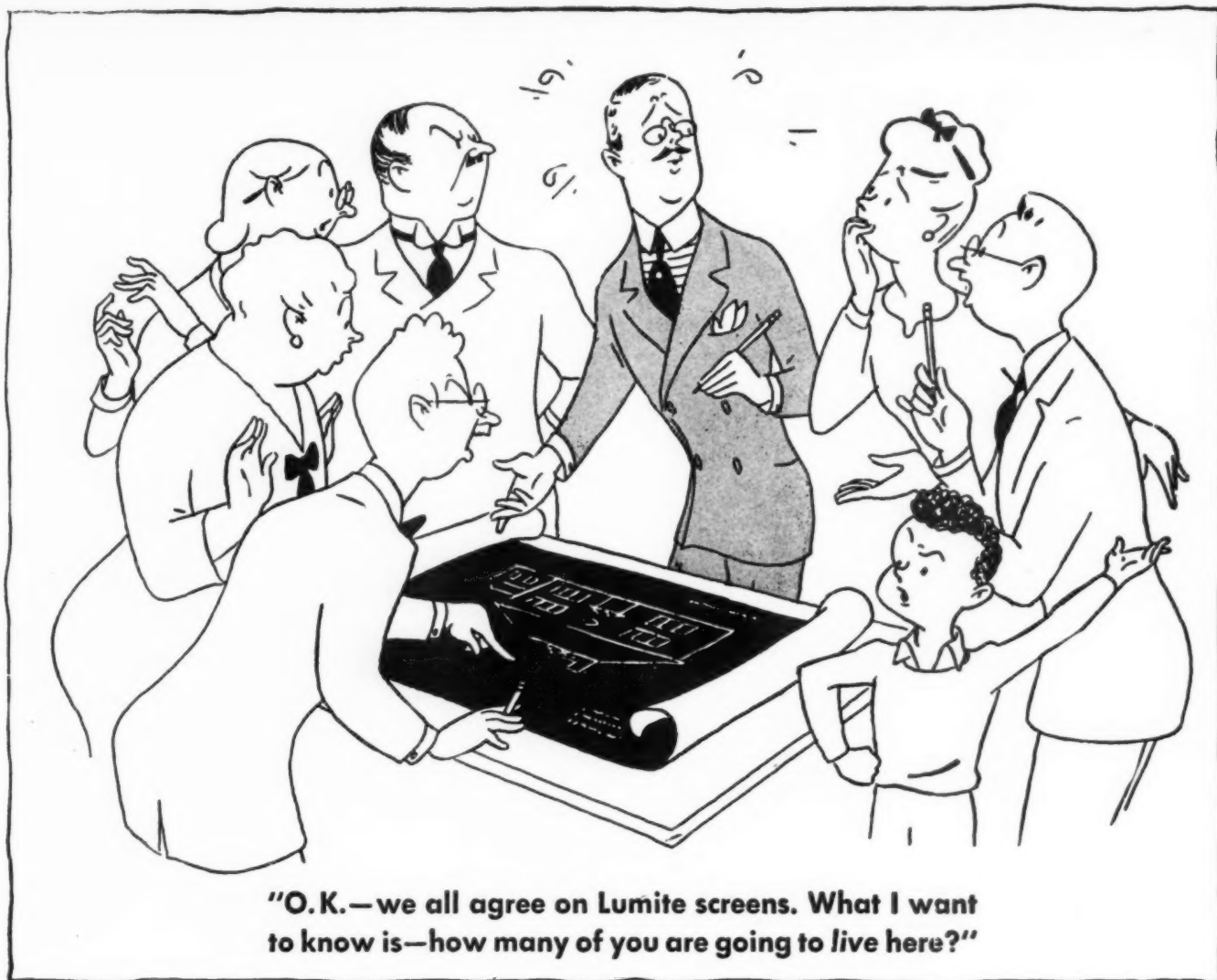
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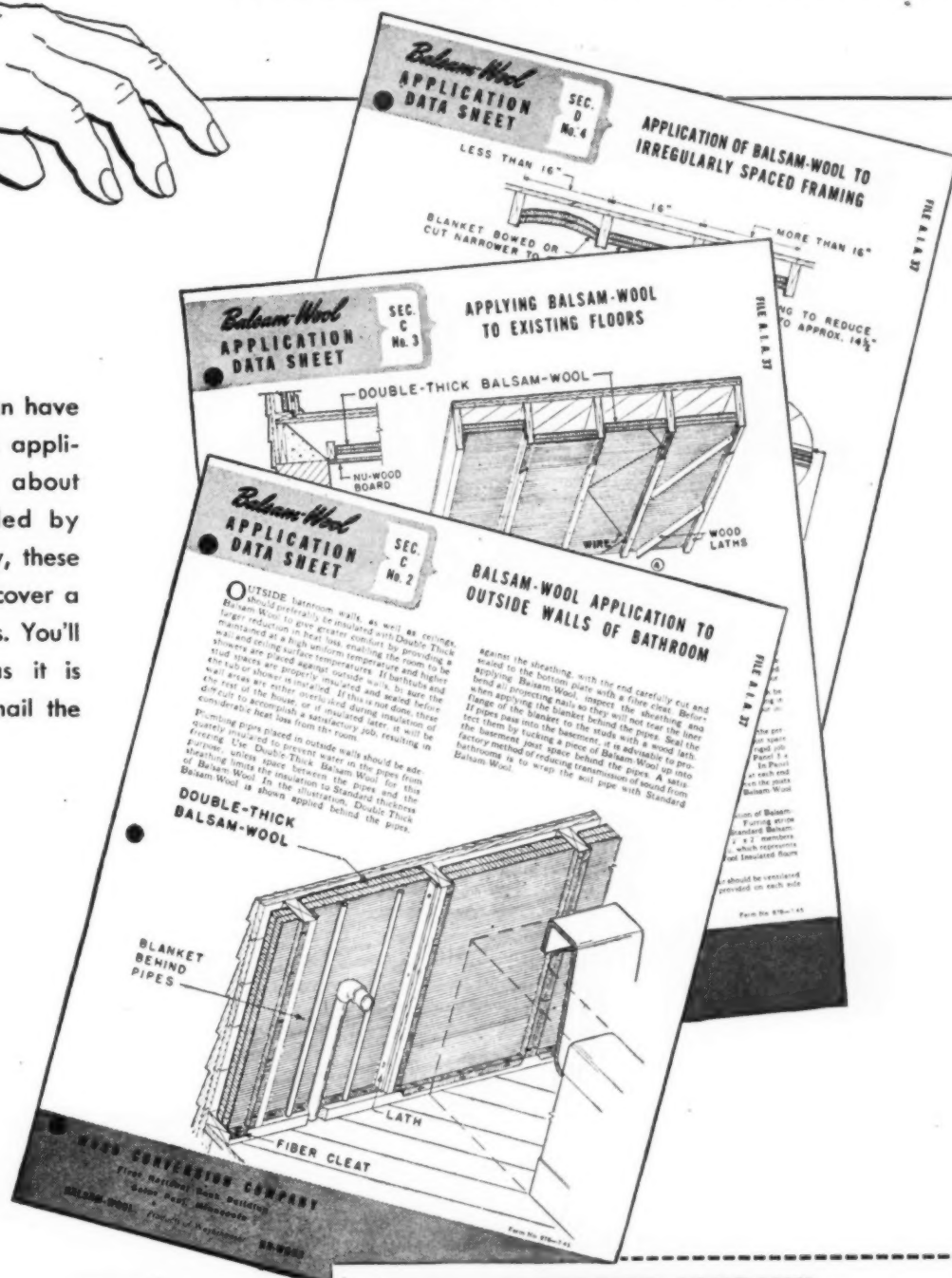
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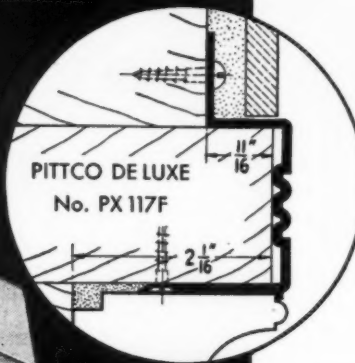
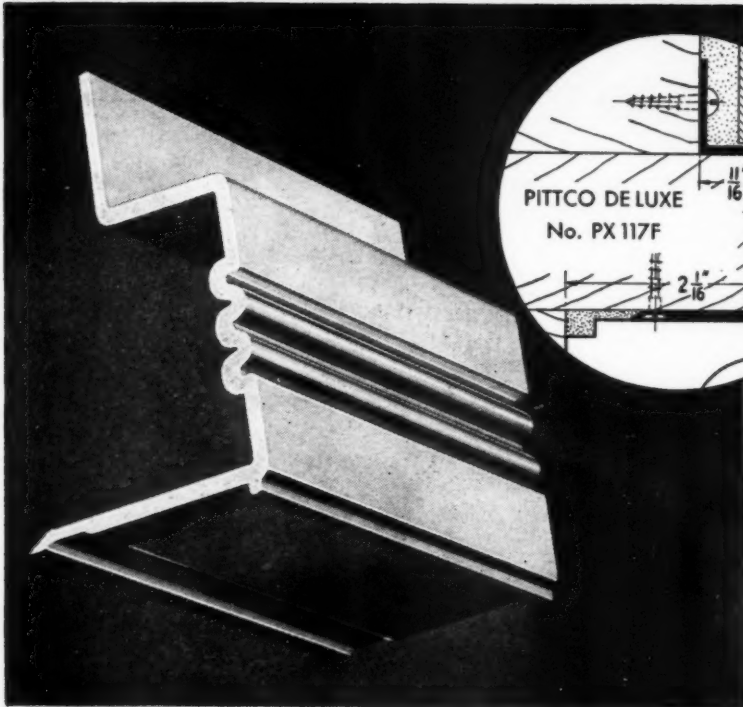
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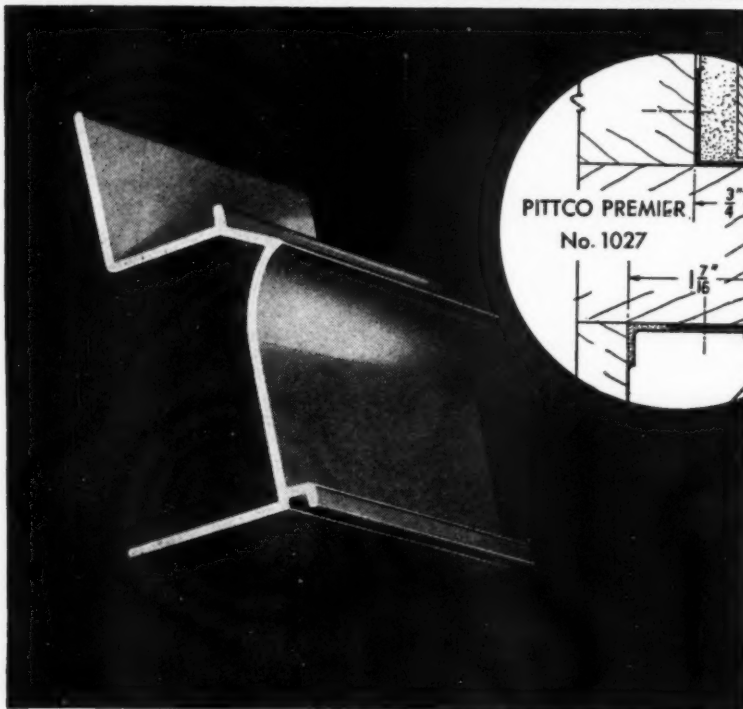
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NHA Will Start New Battle

ADJOURNMENT of the 79th Congress brought to a halt the continuous series of legislative threats to private enterprise in the home building industry which, added to the unrealistic policies of OPA, plagued builders in their attempts to provide new housing in quantity during the past year. The interim between the 79th Congress and its successor, however, should be viewed only as a recess during which the advocates of government control of housing can be expected to outline new strategy for a renewal of their assault on private home building at the earliest appropriate moment. It is advisable, therefore, to review the highlights of the past year, and to appraise the net results of government interference with home building as a clue to what can be expected when the 80th Congress convenes.

The highlights were the passage of the Patman Act, the appointment of Wilson Wyatt as Housing Expediter, the defeat of the President's Reorganization Plan No. 1, and the defeat in the House of the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill. The Reorganization Plan, if it had been accepted by Congress, would have resulted in placing NHA permanently at the head of all government housing branches, and would have been a decisive victory for NHA and its public housing aspirations. NHA officials and social planners can be expected to make renewed fights for the life of the agency, and for more power to control.

The Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill was beaten, because the House committee was unable to hear testimony on so controversial an issue in the short time that remained in the session. The chances are that it would have been beaten on the floor even if it had been reported out of committee. That does not mean, however, that it will not be re-introduced, probably in revised form, in the new Congress. It will be.

What are the net results of government interference? *American Builder* stated pointedly last March that Wyatt had been duped into believing that there was a housing emergency requiring strong government action, and then followed with the same statement to the public over radio stations and in a nationally shown newsreel. The proof that Wyatt was duped was provided in statements by Senator Wherry of Nebraska and Senator Ferguson of Michigan, as published on pages 10377 to 10386 of the July 27, 1946 issue of the Congressional Record-Senate. In his statement Wherry shows conclusively that NHA deliberately withheld a housing survey made by the Bureau of the Census in order to make their own fantastic statistics bear out the claim of housing emergency. It is now a matter of record that there is not and was not a housing emergency. It is to be expected that the 80th Congress will have no faith whatever in NHA claims and figures.

Wyatt is just about as thoroughly discredited. *American Builder* and all segments of the industry told him that he need not and should not try to build or start 1,200,000 dwelling units in 1946, and that he could get only a small percentage of the prefabricated units he called for. He disregarded that and all other sound advice offered to him, and chose the fiction provided by Bowles and the NHA.

The Expediter expedited nothing. On the contrary, he slowed down what would have been a rate of 750,000 starts this year to 400,000 starts and according to his own figures, 40,000 completions. Wyatt is through, and may be back in Kentucky before this is printed.

The private building industry has chalked up sizable victories, and has gone far toward vindicating itself in the eyes of Congress and the public. But the industry battle to provide housing for Americans is not yet over. There are a lot of facts that industry must find a way to tell the public, and there will be more proposed social housing legislation to beat next year.

What Prospective Home Owners WANT TODAY

AMERICA is rich in materials, in skills and in good old-fashioned common sense. Of these three assets perhaps our native common sense is the greatest. It has carried this country forward for over 300 years, through many crises of war, economics and politics. Given the facts, the people have always proved themselves capable of sound, sensible judgment.

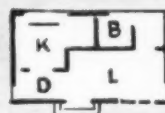
However, during periods of rapid change and dislocation of our normal living habits, such as the one from which we are emerging, there is a tendency for many to predict violent changes and for people to listen and believe. Such predictions have been made about the building industry in general and about residential building in particular. For the most part, these forecasts of "Tomorrow's Homes" that will "dust their own floors, cook their own meals and make their own beds" originate with those who have no direct connection with the building industry, nor even a primary interest in it. The residential building industry deals with basic shelter, public safety, health and sanitation. There is no room, and never has been in this business, for misinformation or unsound thinking.

That our people want and need a large volume of new homes is certain. That they want better homes at the lowest possible cost is also true. Consequently, they are anxious to read and talk about these homes, thereby offering an unusual opportunity for the more spectacular prophets to predict a revolutionary future and capture widespread public attention. In the future, however, as in the past, there will be orderly changes rather than a violent overthrow of accepted and established building practices. Progress will be solid and enduring—but certainly not as radically rapid as some present-day prophets would have us believe. Nonetheless, it is important that sensible, residential building data be continually assembled, analyzed and appraised so that misinformation and irrational thinking may be counterbalanced by documented fact.

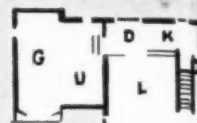
First and foremost, the purpose of residential building is to shelter people. Thus, before considering such building it is necessary to consider the people; their *needs*, their *wants*, their *habits* and their *ability to pay* for what they buy. All these factors taken together fall into the general category of consumer research and all of them must be considered if a true picture of the prospective home owner is to be had.

Basically, all the people *need* comfortable, safe, sanitary and well-built homes. This is not strange when one recog-

Number Rooms and Price of House

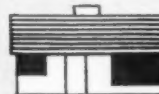


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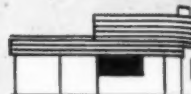


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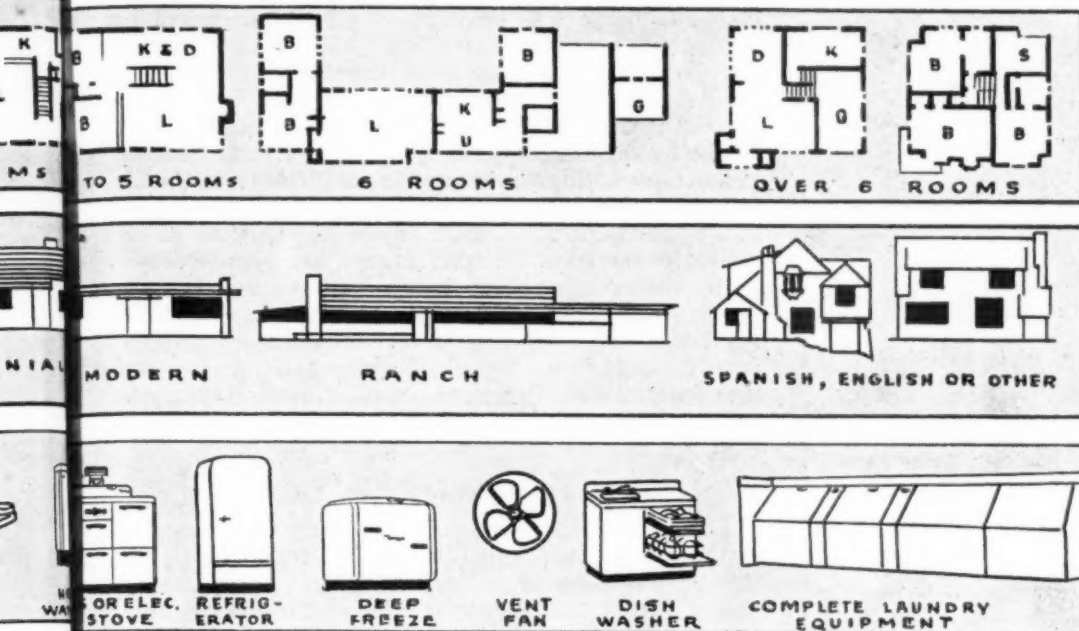
Successful builders will be guided by the findings of nationwide surveys made by well-known national consumer magazines. They establish that a vast number of American families want new and better homes, designed for comfort and made convenient with modern equipment and built-in features

nizes that the people of this country are entitled to this and the other necessities of life because they have developed the country and assume the responsibility of governing it. Private enterprise, the backbone of our economy, has been the incentive for the building industry to provide Americans with the best shelter in the world. And it is this same system that will encourage the home building industry to supply the needs of the people in future years at a cost they can afford to pay.

In the second place, we must consider the *wants* of the people. When taken collectively, these provide a practical means of determining the shape of things to come because American people have a way of eventually obtaining what they want. The *wants* of the prospective home owners are now rather clearly defined.

Results of surveys recently completed by national consumer magazines indicate that shelter will be among the foremost desires of a large portion of our population in the years just ahead. Although these cannot be construed as forecasts of actual building demand and volume, they are significant because they help to reveal the *wants* of the people and show that these desires lean toward staple necessities of life rather than the superfluous luxuries. Many of the people interviewed or queried in the course of the surveys will, of course, be unable immediately to fulfill their desire for home ownership. However, they will be in the market for better shelter and have so expressed themselves.

It is the type of information developed by consumer surveys that helps to clarify the question, "What does the



prospective home owner want?" Such answers as those obtained are the only sound and sensible ones because if the prospective owner doesn't want what private enterprise produces, the production is fruitless and wasteful.

In a national survey recently conducted by the Curtis Publishing Company, covering all geographic sections and all economic levels of the population, it was found that 34.3% of all families interviewed expect to build or buy a house to live in; 58.5% do not plan to acquire a house, while 7.2% are uncertain what they will do.

Some very significant facts are disclosed by breaking down these figures into groups of owners and renters. Surprisingly enough, 17.2% of the families who own and occupy their homes expect to build or purchase another house to live in; 79.9% have no plans in this direction; and 2.9% are undecided. As might be supposed, renters were found to be the best housing prospects, and 47.3% of this group expect to acquire a house to live in. (6.9% of all renters surveyed now own a house but do not occupy it. In the survey they were classified as renters.) However, 42.4% of the renters said they do not expect to own a home, and 10.3% are uncertain.

New Family Formations Loom Large

To this measurable demand must be added the new families being formed in the country, which are increasing at the rate of about half a million a year. It has been estimated that between 1940 and 1950, 4,600,000 such new families will be formed. In one form or another, family units must be provided for this group also. This does not necessarily mean that a like number of new houses need to be built during this period but it does indicate a large potential future demand for housing accommodations.

Another important factor to consider, particularly today, is where the prospective home owner wants to live.

During the war, thousands of families migrated from country to city and from city to city. This trend increases the population in one center and reduces it in another. A late estimate indicates that something less than 50% of the war migrants are expected to return to their former homes. As these large industrial centers expand, the 1920 to 1930 trend toward decentralization will accelerate. High property taxes, deteriorated housing, congested urban areas and an unpleasant industrial atmosphere will cause people to seek the advantages of decentralized suburban

communities. Improved transportation facilities, a part of most city development programs, will further encourage this movement.

Family Habits Dictate Shelter Requirements

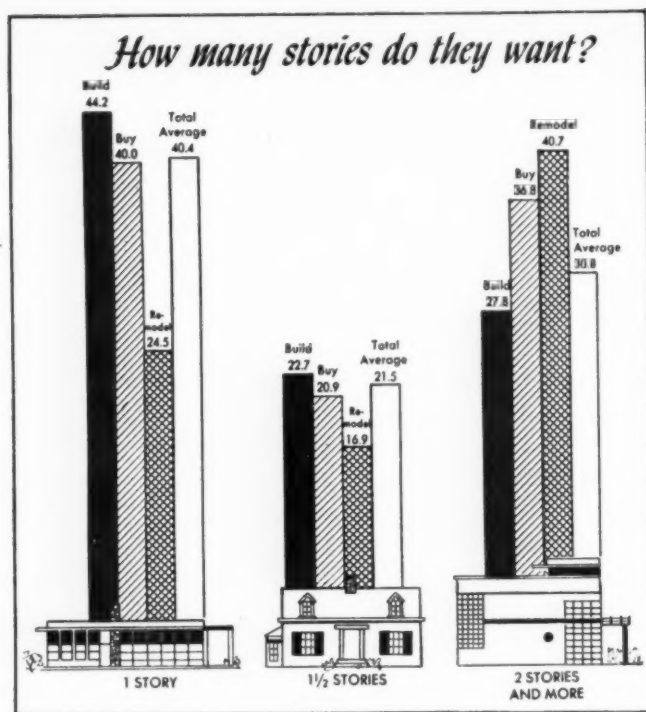
Having considered the *needs* and *wants* of the American people, the next major question concerns their *habits*. During the past fifty years these *habits* have changed, and with them have changed the requirements in shelter. The 11th census, taken in 1890, showed that the average family consisted of the mother and father with three children. The 16th census, conducted in 1940, revealed that it included only the mother and father with one child. Where a city would have required only 20,000 family units in 1890, it would have required over 33,000 units in 1940. Furthermore, the size and layout of the 1940 units would be quite different from those in 1890.

The home of the early 1900's was much more than a place that provided shelter. It served as a manufacturing plant. Here the housewife did her knitting, sewing, laundry work, preserving and other essential household tasks, which were done in the home or not at all. Homes of those days provided for these tasks and were designed to suit the people's *habits*.

In 1940 small neighborhood business concerns took care of the laundry, local stores furnished the clothing and the development of canned goods had largely replaced home preserving. Such developments as this have had a direct influence on the changes of the people's *habits* and the design of the homes in which they live. Kitchens have become smaller, sewing rooms have been eliminated, laundries are more compact.

The automobile during the last thirty years has become a major necessity in most households. At first the garage to shelter the horseless carriage was built like a stable apart from the house. In later years progressive builders and architects built it into the house where it properly belonged as a service unit. According to statistics for 1940, 56% of all one-to-four family homes had a one-car garage and 20% had a two-car garage. With the resumption of normal building activity, a house built without proper shelter for the automobile will be obsolete when built and a poor mortgage risk simply because the people's *habits* require such conveniences.

Case after case can be provided to show that people's *habits* constantly change shelter requirements and that



Courtesy of Parents' Magazine.

successful builders and architects carefully study such *habit* trends when planning housing developments. These trends are usually pointed out considerably in advance in well conducted surveys such as *American Builder* reports on in this article.

Since public attention is now being particularly focused by publicity and propaganda on the low- and moderate-cost home, let us first appraise the possibilities of this segment of the total anticipated building market by examining our prewar experience. In a typical building year the single-family dwelling accounted for about 35% of the grand total. On a national scale, the single family house costing less than \$3,000 has been in turn only 1% of the total dollar volume for buildings of all types.

Prospective Owners Confused on Costs

Within a specific survey area, only 3.1% of the single-family dwelling units built in 1940 cost \$2,999 or less, according to FHA statistics. In this survey the valuation included the land, house and all other physical improvements which, as a rule, are 25% to 35% of the "sale price." The land in particular averaged 12.7% of the value of the property as a whole. Thus, in the past, the \$3,000 single family house has been an extremely small part of the total building dollar volume.

On the one hand there is actual experience of the past to indicate from 1% to 3% of the single-family units in the \$3,000 bracket. On the other hand there is a survey completed by the United States Chamber of Commerce which reveals that 23% of the people intending to build immediately after the war expected to spend less than \$3,000. Why such a difference? Obviously, there is no doubt that misleading publicity by government bureaus, "dream builders" and "ivory-towered prophets" has led many people to believe that they were going to get their miracle house immediately and at an amazingly low cost. Such false and misleading information is unfortunate and is now having serious repercussions.

Publicity of this kind may well cause many potential home owners to wait indefinitely for the impractical and impossible miracle house they have read about to actually become available at a ridiculously low price. This hesitation can provide ample time for others to urge these

people to spend their savings, which are earmarked for new homes, on other desirable products, thereby causing the new home to lose its present position as the most cherished desire of the people.

Notwithstanding the many favorable factors developed by the national consumer magazine surveys, the industry is confronted with numerous problems which must be met and solved if it expects to capitalize on sales opportunities to the fullest extent. Certain problems, particularly those related to the results of the surveys, are discussed here. Many others are not covered. Included in this latter group are such problems as necessary revisions of building codes, more efficient utilization of building labor, standardization of material dimensions, changes in statutes governing mortgage and real estate investments, price and material controls, federal competition in the building field, and numerous others.

Industry Practices Need Review

The building industry can derive considerable satisfaction from the fact that its business relationships with urban families, based on their experiences and opinions of values, are generally favorable. Nevertheless, it cannot afford to become complacent about this for two reasons: first, because a great many families have had no direct contact or previous experience with building interests as such; and second, because the surveys detected a distinct undertone of dissatisfaction with certain industry methods, practices and values on the part of both past and potential customers.

Fortunately, this unfavorable attitude has not reached the point where it has seriously damaged public good will but, if not counteracted, it may grow and hamper sales opportunities. While no single group in the industry is entirely immune from criticism, merchandising and service methods are among the practices frequently singled out for attack. Although the control of distribution or sales policies at the local retail level is a difficult task, it appears that the building industry could very well take a critical look at all its methods and practices with the object of eliminating consumer irritants and protecting its markets.

The chief element of resistance to home ownership is cost. Rightly or wrongly, many people are imbued with the idea that it is much cheaper to rent than to own a home. More than 40% of the people interviewed or questioned in some of the surveys felt that the building industry was not particularly successful in reducing prewar building costs, while about the same proportion thought lower prices were the key to the stimulation of housing demand on a large scale. Many revealed skepticism, how-

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE PREFERRED

Style	Prospective Owners Who Mention %
Colonial, Early American	18.8
Bungalow	17.1
Modern	11.8
Cape Cod	5.8
Ranch-patio	5.3
English	3.4
Other	8.1
Don't know	31.9

Some gave more than one answer

Courtesy of The Curtis Publishing Co.

ever, of the industry's ability to bring about reductions in the cost of home construction.

It is frequently alleged that building costs are inflexible and are unnecessarily inflated as a result of wasteful and uneconomic practices within the industry itself. Lack of integration, excessive decentralization and specialization, duplication of functions, adherence to rigid traditions, resistance to technical advances or material standardization and the absence of coordination among labor groups are among the items most frequently cited as contributing to high costs. To combat these criticisms the industry must intensify its efforts to eliminate unsound and costly practices wherever they occur.

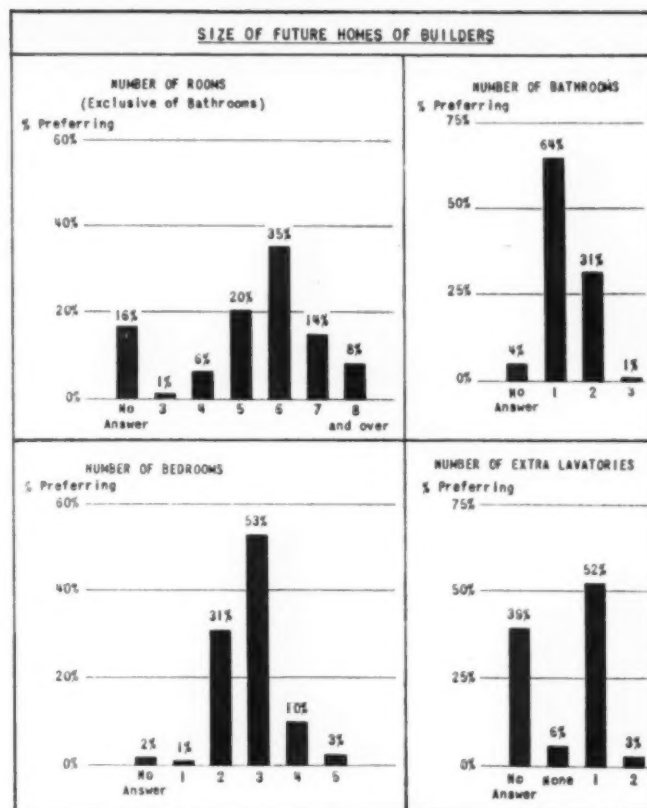
People are found to be especially critical of material and labor costs. This attitude can eventually create a problem for the building industry. It is confronted with the necessity of changing public thinking on the subject of building costs, where erroneous, or of finding a way to bridge the gap between the prices people say they will pay for the house they want and its actual cost. In either event, extensive public relations provide a necessary tool that can be used to advantage in achieving the proper objective.

Surveys Point Up Wants of Home Owners

The surveys on which this article is based were all national in scope although varying techniques were used in the survey process, and different segments of the population, both from the standpoint of economic level and geographic location, were covered. Regardless, similar questions asked of families having like characteristics developed remarkably uniform replies, showing that thinking about home ownership follows fairly well defined lines.

In its extensive survey among readers, Parents' Magazine mailed 13,766 questionnaires entitled "What Kind of Postwar Home Do you Want?" A total of 3,653 replies were received—a 26.5% return to the survey. When queried about the number of stories wanted the answers indicated a predominant preference for a one-story house (44.2%) by those who plan to build; 22.7% of this group want a one and one-half-story home; 27.8% replied that they want two or more stories. In the category of those who plan to buy or remodel the percentages were somewhat different, as can be seen from the chart in the upper left corner of the opposite page.

Because in all of the surveys some of the respondents gave more than one answer, indicated that they "don't know" or failed to answer the question, there will be seeming discrepancies between the number of replies, either



Courtesy the Woman's Home Companion.

numerically or percentage-wise, and the total number of interviews, questionnaires, or a one hundred per cent coverage.

The Curtis Publishing Company's "Urban Housing Study," based on complete interviews with 4,007 separate families located in 35 states and 118 urban centers of population, found opinion widely diversified on the question of style of architecture. Accounting for this by the fact that climatic and geographical differences strongly influence desires it revealed that: (see chart, opposite page, lower right) 18.8% prefer a Colonial or Early American style of architecture; 17.1% want a bungalow, 11.8% lean toward the modern in design; 5.8% mention a Cape Cod cottage; 5.3% prefer a ranch-patio combination; 3.4% want an English type house but did not specify the kind; and 8.1% mentioned miscellaneous other architectural designs; 31.9%, however, had no particular style in mind. Present home owners and rent-

ESTIMATED PRICE OF HOUSE

BY INCOME GROUPS

Price Range of House.	Total %	\$5,000 & Over %	\$3,500-\$4,999 %	\$2,500-\$3,499 %	\$1,500-\$2,499 %	Under \$1,500 %
Under \$3,000	4.5	1.3	1.4	3.5	7.6	14.9
\$3,000-\$4,499	16.1	5.0	9.9	15.2	24.6	33.3
\$4,500-\$5,999	25.0	7.8	20.1	32.9	30.9	26.3
\$6,000-\$7,499	21.8	18.3	29.4	25.3	16.7	8.8
\$7,500-\$9,999	11.3	20.1	19.5	7.9	5.1	4.4
\$10,000 and over	10.5	38.8	13.6	3.5	.6	1.8
Don't know	10.8	8.7	6.1	11.7	14.5	10.5
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Median Price	\$5,943	\$9,148	\$6,802	\$5,665	\$5,020	\$4,342

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HEATING SYSTEMS PREFERRED IN THE NEW HOUSE

13,204 RESPONDENTS NAME A FIRST CHOICE, GIVING 59.3% OF THEIR VOTE TO HOT AIR, CLEANED AND HUMIDIFIED

TOTAL ANSWERING 13,204

HOT AIR (CLEANED & HUMIDIFIED)	59.3%	VAPOR	6.7%
STEAM	19.3%	HOT WATER	7.2%
HOT AIR (DIRECT)	5.5%	ALL OTHERS	2.0%

12,805 RESPONDENTS STATE THEIR SECOND CHOICE GIVING 35.1% OF THEIR VOTE TO DIRECT HOT AIR

TOTAL ANSWERING 12,805

HOT AIR (CLEANED & HUMIDIFIED)	20.5%	VAPOR	20.4%
STEAM	19.9%	HOT WATER	3.6%
HOT AIR (DIRECT)	35.1%	ALL OTHERS	0.5%

11,688 RESPONDENTS NAME THEIR THIRD CHOICE GIVING STEAM 32.6% OF THEIR VOTE

TOTAL ANSWERING 11,688

HOT AIR (CLEANED & HUMIDIFIED)	13.1%	VAPOR	30.0%
STEAM	32.6%	HOT WATER	2.4%
HOT AIR (DIRECT)	20.5%	ALL OTHERS	1.4%

Courtesy of McCall's Magazine.

ers ranked these styles in the same order and in approximately the same proportions, but the bungalow type house was the outstanding choice of prospective home owners in income brackets up to \$2,500. Furthermore, it was learned, families in the lowest income group (those under \$1,500) exhibited the least interest in architectural design.

A survey conducted by the Woman's Home Companion Magazine returned an unusually high percentage of replies. Three thousand questionnaires were mailed to subscribers throughout the United States. The names were apportioned to conform to the magazine's circulation pattern in regard to city size and geographical location, and names were drawn at random; 1,935, or 65%, of the questionnaires mailed were returned. It was learned that the typical house planned by prospective home owners will have six rooms with three bedrooms, one bathroom, and one extra lavatory. The chart shown on the preceding page (top) details these answers. To be noted is the fact that 35% want six rooms, exclusive of the bathrooms; 64% want one bathroom and 31% want two; 53% express a desire for three bedrooms while about one-third of the respondents will be satisfied with two bedrooms; and, 52% also want an extra lavatory. A high percentage, 39%, failed to answer this question, indicating a lack of knowledge of this added convenience, or feeling that the extra expense would not be justified.

Any adequate market survey should include some idea of the price consumers will pay for the product. Housing is no exception. Accordingly, when families interviewed in The Curtis Publishing Company survey were asked, "What price house do you expect to buy or build?" the responses showed that the principal demand was for a moderately priced home, (see chart at bottom of preceding page), and that 4.5% expected to pay less than \$3,000; 16.1% stated they would pay from \$3,000 to \$4,499; 25% from \$4,500 to \$5,999; 21.8% from \$6,000 to 7,499; 11.3% from \$7,500 to \$9,999; 10.5% will pay more than \$10,000; while 10.8% gave no indication. The price of the house, it was determined, also shows a very definite

relationship to income, increasing as the level of the family purchasing power rises.

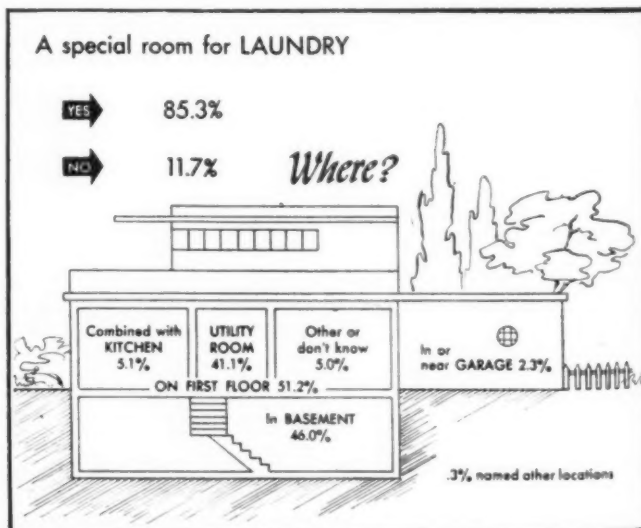
The median estimated price all prospective home owners expect to pay is \$5,943, but those who expect to build or purchase a brand new house plan to spend \$6,223 or about \$300 more than the overall figure. Land value is an important factor influencing urban housing costs, and some allowance must be made for this element in analyzing these price structures. The Curtis Publishing Company ascertained that 24.1% of the prospective home owners do not include the cost of the land in their price estimates, and 11.6% didn't know, but 64.3% said the price included land cost. A majority of those having a definite idea on land values felt it makes up between 10% and 20% of the total costs. Because of wide local variations in land values, adjustments in prices were not attempted. It was clearly apparent, however, that the building industry cannot formulate a price policy based on the results of a survey without considering land values.

Heating System Wants Vary

"The American Woman's Home of Tomorrow," a contest sponsored by McCall's magazine, was developed around a 10-page questionnaire. Being entirely voluntary it was interesting to find that nearly 50,000 requests for contest entry blanks were received, and doubly so to find further that 18,580 were so interested in prospective home ownership that they completed the detailed form.

House heating proved to be an important item in the plans of the prospective home owners competing in the McCall contest. In a three-way question designed to obtain information on the type of heating system desired for the new house, respondents were asked to indicate first, second and third choices. The preferences, shown in the chart to the left, revealed that of 13,204 respondents, 59.3% want hot air, cleaned and humidified; 12,805 named their second choice as direct hot air by giving it 35.1% of their vote; and 11,688 said that steam was their preference by a 32.6% vote. In the overall vote the percentage totals rank as follows: Hot air, cleaned and humidified, 31.8%; steam, 23.6%; hot air, direct, 20.2%; vapor, 18.6%; hot water, 4.5%; and all others, 1.3%.

It must be remembered that geographic and climatic differences and local fuel costs affect consumer choices both with respect to the type of system and equipment installed. In the same questionnaire, 96% of 14,132 respondents gave an affirmative answer to the question: "Will you install thermostatic controls in the new house?" When asked: "Have you heard of radiant heating?" it was found that 69.9% of those replying to the query said they



Courtesy of Parents' Magazine.

had; 30.1% said they had not. And, on the same subject, 86% of 9,952 respondents said "Yes" to the question: "Are you interested in radiant heating?"

The Curtis Publishing Company survey inquired about the type of house heating equipment preferred. It was learned that nearly all the prospective home owners favored a central system. Relative preferences indicate that 35.1% want a gas furnace, 29.5% an oil furnace, 23.8% a coal furnace, 3.9% an electric furnace, and 3.1% a space heater; a few mentioned other types or gave no preference. More than three-fourths of those indicating preference for a coal furnace stated they also wanted it equipped with a mechanical stoker, interest in this item of equipment being quite high for all economic levels of prospective home owners but increasing slightly with income. This survey also disclosed that preferences for house heating equipment shift with income, those in the lower income brackets being more partial to the coal furnace, while those in the upper brackets favor the gas and oil furnace. Whatever the cause, this fact has important market implications.

The Parents' Magazine Home Building Survey questioned its respondents about where they wanted the laundry, and 85.3% indicated a desire for a special room (see chart on opposite page). When queried where they wanted it if space requirements necessitated the use of dual purpose rooms, 46% voted for the laundry in the basement and 51.2% wanted it on the first floor. This latter group gave the following choices as to combinations: 41.1% prefer the laundry in a utility room, 5.1% combined with the kitchen, 2.3% said in or near the garage, and 5% gave some other preference or don't know.

The growth of the dual-purpose room in popularity among prospective home owners is reflected by the reply to the question asked as to how many planned to have dual-purpose rooms. One or more such rooms were wanted by 64.6%. Of these, 68% want one dual-purpose room, 27% want two dual-purpose rooms, 4.2% want three, 0.3% want four, and a smaller fractional number, 0.1%, want five dual-purpose rooms. Another significant point with regard to the dual-purpose room is the fact that in the same survey 67.6% stated that they plan to have a separate dining room, 30.7% preferred the combination of dining room with another use—presumably the living room—and less than 2% didn't know.

Kitchen Eating Place Popular

That there is a definite trend toward kitchens with eating facilities and specifically kitchens with built-in tables or nooks is pointed up in the Parents' Magazine survey (see chart right, above). Notable is the finding that 93% of those who plan to build want an eating place in the kitchen; 96.3% of those planning to buy want one; and 85.9% of those planning to remodel want one also. While a built-in table and benches rate highest with those who want a kitchen eating place, the counter and eating bar and the customary snack and breakfast dining furniture enjoy wide popularity among all groups of home owners.

It became apparent during the course of the surveys that people expect a number of changes in housing design and appearance. But how radical are their ideas? What do they mean by modern improvements, innovations in building, and so on? Several of the surveys endeavored to find out what the people had in mind when they talked about new developments in home building.

Among these was the question of windows. Parents' Magazine wanted to know how many windows were wanted; for which rooms larger than average windows would be desired; were corner windows popular and for which rooms? The chart to the right (center) reveals the answers to these questions. The answers are pre-

93.0% of those who plan to BUILD want an

EATING PLACE IN THE KITCHEN

Of those who plan to BUY 96.3% want one

Of those who plan to REMODEL 85.9% want one

Those who want an eating place in the kitchen prefer



	BUILT-IN TABLE AND BENCHES	COUNTER AND EATING BAR	REGULAR KITCHEN TABLE AND CHAIRS	DINETTE TABLE AND CHAIRS
BUILD	33.8%	16.8%	17.9%	25.4%
BUY	35.7%	17.4%	27.5%	17.9%
REMODEL	29.2%	15.6%	27.5%	24.2%
TOTAL	33.2%	16.7%	20.2%	24.6%

About WINDOWS About CORNER WINDOWS

How many?

	Build	Buy	Remodel
More windows	72.3%	74.0%	55.9%
Same number	11.3%	11.6%	26.6%
Fewer windows	8.2%	8.3%	4.4%
Don't know	8.2%	6.1%	13.1%

What size?

	Build	Buy	Remodel
Larger than average size	73.0%	59.5%	45.0%
Average size	25.0%	34.4%	37.0%

For which rooms do they want larger than average windows?

	Build	Buy	Remodel
Living room	77.7%	91.4%	70.5%
Dining room	42.3%	39.1%	37.2%
Breakfast	37.0%	20.3%	18.4%
Kitchen	29.4%	34.4%	26.3%

Do they like them?

	Build	Buy	Remodel
YES	69.7%	67.9%	60.9%
NO	26.3%	26.5%	30.3%

If so, are they planning any for their postwar house?

	Build	Buy	Remodel
YES	81.6%	60.3%	41.5%
NO	11.2%	22.6%	53.0%

For which rooms?

	Build	Buy	Remodel
Living room	34.0%	43.1%	37.0%
Dining room	17.1%	19.3%	21.0%
Bedroom	33.4%	21.6%	10.5%
Kitchen	38.4%	55.7%	26.6%

Courtesy of Parents' Magazine.

dominantly in the affirmative on the queries regarding number and size; that corner windows are "liked"; that they will be a part of the prospective home; and that they will be used in all rooms.

The Curtis Publishing Company's survey inquired about the features prospective home owners would like included in design. They found that certain features of house design have less appeal than others. From one-third to about one-half of those interviewed indicated that recreation rooms, vestibules, attics, sun rooms, libraries, and center hallways are unessential. A majority, however, regard basements, dining rooms, porches, laundry rooms, cedar closets and fireplaces as desirable and necessary.

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OPINION OF HOUSING FEATURES INCLUDED IN DESIGN

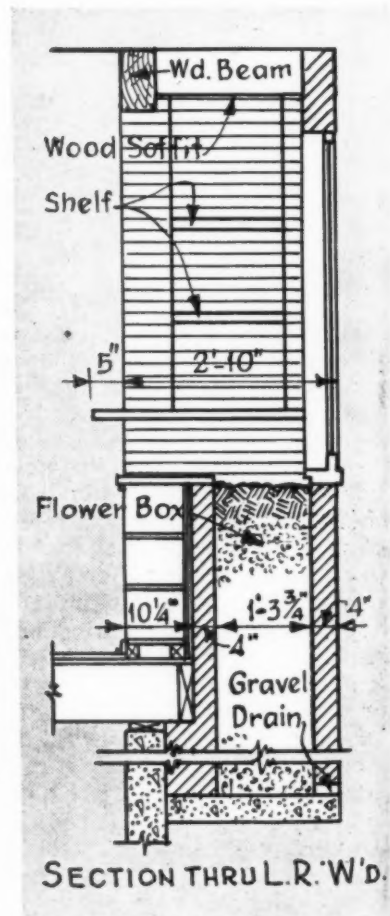
Features Mentioned	Prospective Owners Who Say		
	Necessary	Desirable but Not Necessary	Unnecessary
	%	%	%
Basement	76.9	9.7	13.4
Dining room	73.9	13.6	12.5
Porch	69.1	23.8	7.1
Laundry room	64.0	20.1	15.9
Cedar closet	61.2	29.0	9.8
Fireplace	60.0	30.2	9.8
Breakfast nook	44.8	34.9	20.3
Attic	41.8	22.4	35.8
Vestibule	31.0	33.4	35.6
Center hallway	22.2	32.2	45.6
Recreation room	21.2	45.1	33.7
Library (den)	19.4	38.3	42.3
Sun room	16.2	43.8	40.0

Other items are mentioned by a few

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Wood, Brick and Glass Give Unique Character to



DRAWINGS show layout of first floor and finished rooms in basement, as well as details of flower box and shelving below window.

to Country Home

A. M. Runtz, Architect

SOME strikingly unconventional features were incorporated by A. M. Runtz, Portland (Ore.) architect, in a home for his own occupancy built across the Columbia River near Vancouver, Wash. It shows how available materials can be utilized and combined under today's spirit of freedom for a delightfully comfortable and altogether modern home.

The exterior is of beveled cedar siding, stained, together with Roman brick for the fireplace corner, and considerable glass area double glazed. It is a large, rambling, two-bedroom house, plus utility room and double garage on the main floor and a big recreation room, study and hobby work room on the lower level.

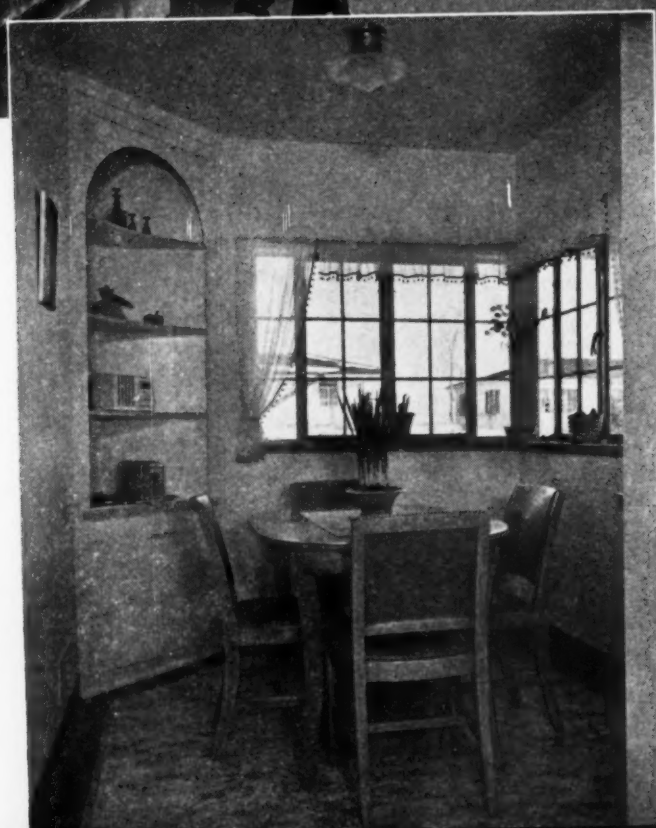
LIVING ROOM, above, and dining room alcove, below, are finished in horizontal boarding of 1 x 6 inch white pine, ceiling beams the same but applied vertically. All rooms have Acousti-Celotex ceilings. Fireplace front and room corner of salmon color Roman brick. Glass block screen in entry.

Every Window Frames A Western Landscape

An attempt to capture an unparalleled mountain view has influenced the design of this western ranch house



VIEW in living room looking toward large picture window.
Left: Breakfast room showing corner window arrangement.



KITCHEN looking toward bay. Cupboards are continuous.



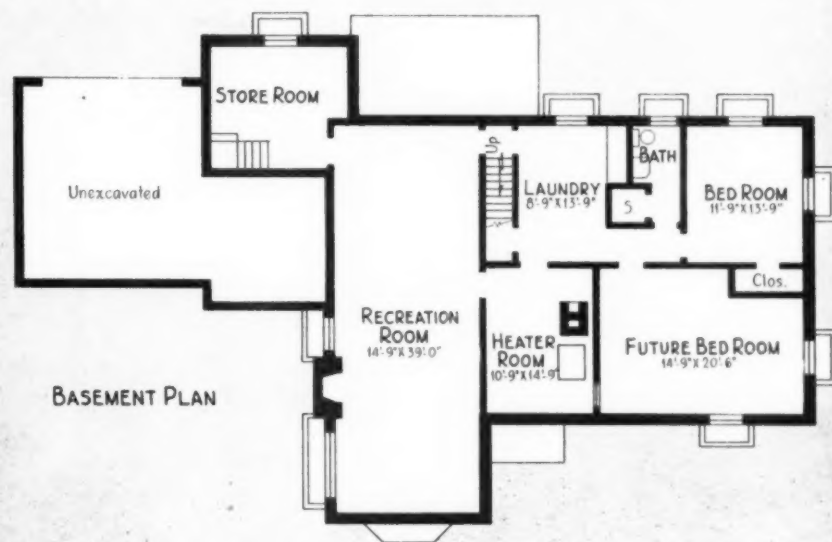
STREET VIEW of house with windows looking out to the mountains. Brick walls and trim are painted white, roof in contrasting color.

DESIGNED for a family with several children, this house located in Denver, Colo., has been planned to make the most of the magnificent view of Longs Peak which forms a part of the great Rocky Mountain chain.

B. G. Morriss, a contractor of long standing in this community, designed and built the house after a prolonged visit to California where he had come in contact with the ranch house idea. This house is part of a group development called Clermont Park, all designed and built by him.

The house shown on these pages and owned by W. E. Blomgren cannot be pigeon-holed and placed in any particular architectural niche, but rather is a borrowing of ideas from several different types, the result being a house that is pleasing and livable and particularly adaptable to its environment. The large picture window which frames the mountain view beyond is the dominant feature of the house. With more careful consideration, it is thought that the designer might have eliminated many of the separate roof projections, especially over the bay windows, by integrating them with the main roof.

The main walls of the house are constructed of 8-inch thick common brick painted white with a contrasting color on the trim. The roof and shutters as well as the friendly front door boast gay colors. In summer bright awnings accentuate colors of the roof and shutters. This house contains six main rooms and two baths on the first floor, as well as a two car garage and several smaller units. Basement is provided with a maid's room and bath, large recreation room, boiler and laundry.





A COMBINATION of Lannon stone in blended shades, brick and wood siding, makes this ranch house extremely attractive.

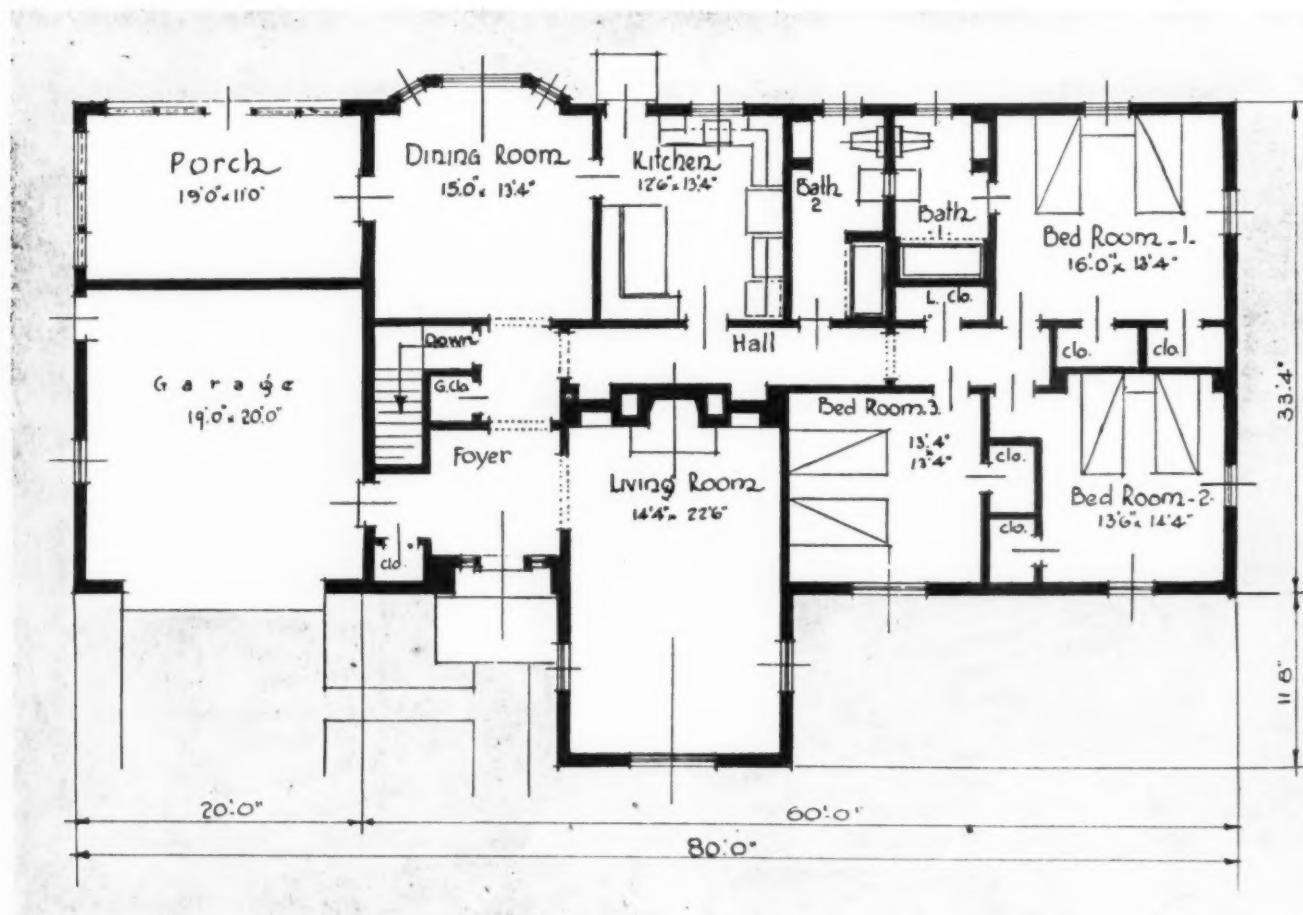
A "Chicagoland" Ranch House

W C. TACKETT, large scale developer of homes in the Chicago area, is now constructing a group of ranch houses in his new development called Scarsdale Estates, a suburb of Arlington Heights, of which the above house is a part.

Employing traditional motifs and adhering to tried and accepted standards, this contractor has designed and built a house that is nicely proportioned with the various units well related to each other. The exterior is faced with a combination of Lannon stone in variegated

shades and brick with wood siding in the gable ends.

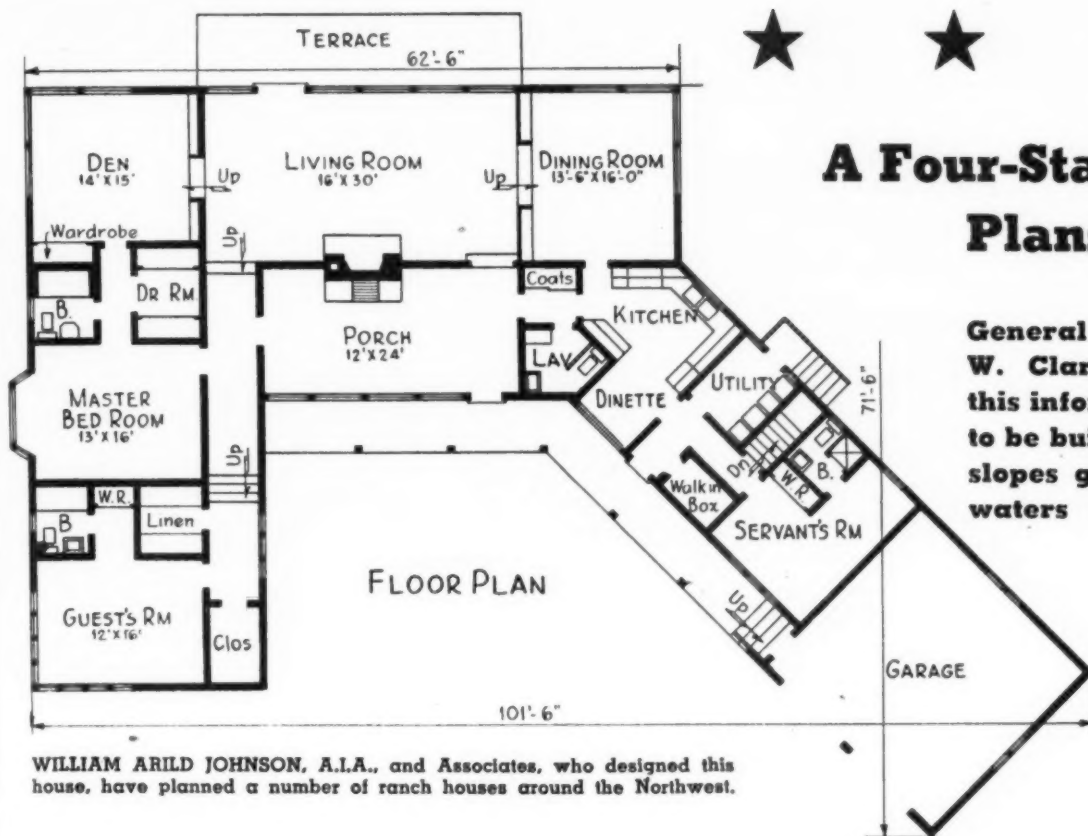
In spite of the overall size of the house, the rooms are all in proper relation to each other. Access from the garage to foyer is excellent. The porch exposure is away from the street, and adjoining the dining room which invites serving of meals during the hot weather. Separation of the bedrooms and baths from the balance of house has been nicely handled. Basement under the entire house provides for all necessary utilities, as well as additional storage and recreational facilities.





A Four-Star Veteran Plans to Build

General and Mrs. Mark W. Clark have selected this informal ranch house to be built on a site which slopes gently toward the waters of Puget Sound



WILLIAM ARILD JOHNSON, A.I.A., and Associates, who designed this house, have planned a number of ranch houses around the Northwest.

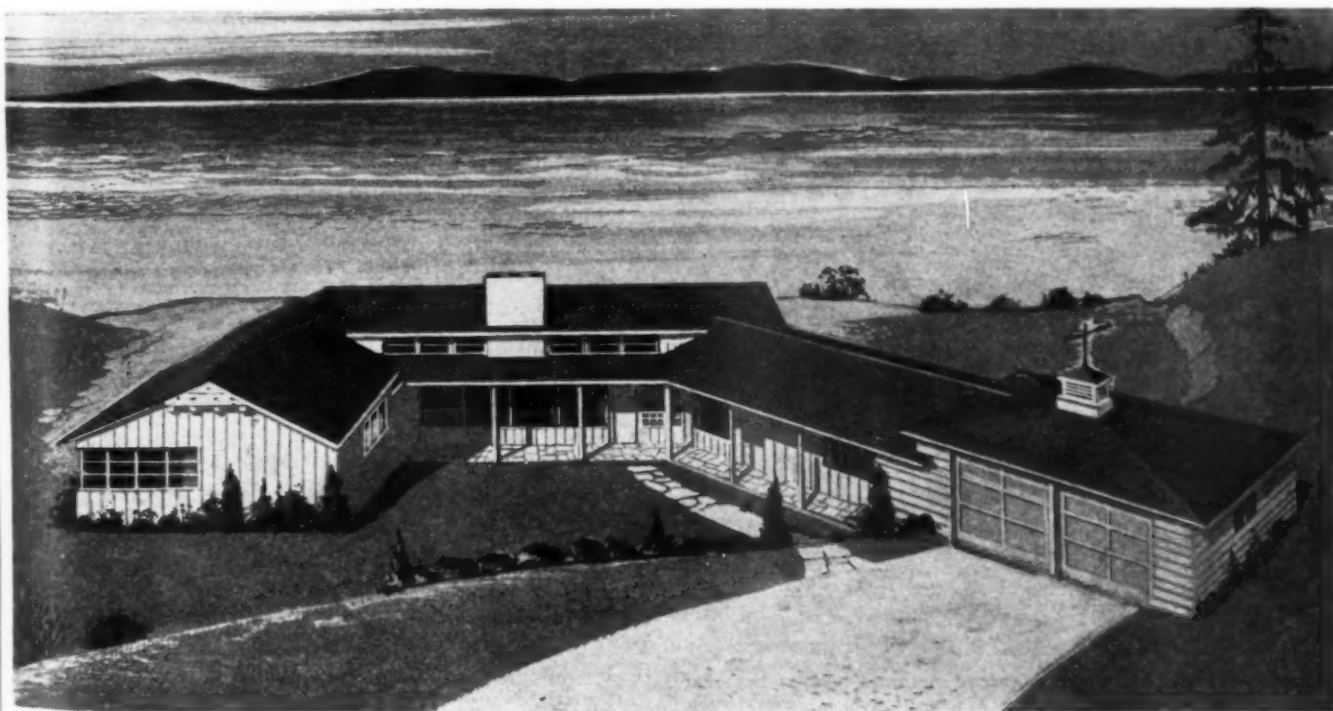
THIS rambling house is to be located on property which General Clark has owned for several years on the west shore of Camano Island, near Stanwood, Wash. The view shown here is the approach side and reveals few and small windows. The side facing the sound will be liberally provided with plate glass windows. Every room in the house except the enclosed porch has an

unobstructed view of Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains and the San Juan Islands.

The house is of all wood construction, with wide boards and battens on the exterior. Considerable wood paneling will be used on interior walls. The living room will have an unusually high ceiling with an open truss effect and clerestory windows over the enclosed porch. Windows on

the porch will be removable so that in mild weather it may be used as a semi-outdoor living room.

There will be a basement under the living and dining rooms only, to accommodate a heating unit and also to provide storage space. Plans call for the addition later of a horse barn to the end of the two-car garage that will emphasize the rambling appearance of this western-style home.





ROBERT PODGUR, builder, and Walter S. Rossbach, president.



GARAGE door and main entrance dominate first-floor elevation.



LARGE window areas and a second entrance are at the rear of each unit, overlooking a 20 x 35-foot garden or lawn space.



Attached Houses for v

Private builders erecting village-within-a-city at Flushing, Long Island, using six different exterior designs for 250 five and one-half room houses

IN an outlying section of New York City private builders are erecting a \$2,500,000 housing project of attached dwellings that will form a self-contained community for war veterans.

When completed by Rossbach Honfes, Inc., a new building enterprise, the village-within-a-city at Flushing, Long Island, will provide homes for about 250 families. The project, covering an area of six city blocks, will include all the stores and shops needed by its residents.

The one-family homes, which are selling faster than they can be completed, are being built in units of eighteen attached dwellings. Each two-story house is designed to a functional floor plan of 5½ rooms and is made distinctive by variations of six different exterior designs.

Construction of the project under HH priorities began this spring, and the first two eighteen-house units are nearing completion. Weather and the uncertainties of material supply have delayed progress by more than a month.

Two men, experts in their respective fields, are behind the project. They are Walter S. Rossbach, president of the firm and a prominent New York realtor, and Robert Podgur, veteran builder of Manhattan apartment houses. Their architect is B. H. Whinston, a small-home specialist.

In combining their talents, Mr. Rossbach and Mr. Podgur have sought to provide veterans with the best money's worth commensurate with today's prices and costs. Hence they are incorporating into the homes

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NEARING COMPLETION, the first row of eighteen homes in the Rossbach project is a complete sell-out to war veterans.

Veterans in a New Self-Contained Community

rooms of generous size and facilities, plus a number of unusual features. Some of the factors which add to livability and value of these houses include: (1) A garage at grade level; (2) First-floor powder room; (3) Glass block in fenestration; (4) Large rooms and closets; (5) Brass plumbing and copper rain spouts and gutters; (6) Gas-fired hot water heating system.

To place the garages at street-level and thus avoid easements and space-wasting driveways, the architect placed the large living rooms, kitchens and dining areas in the rear. These are designed on an open plan and overlook a 20x35-foot garden at the rear of each house.

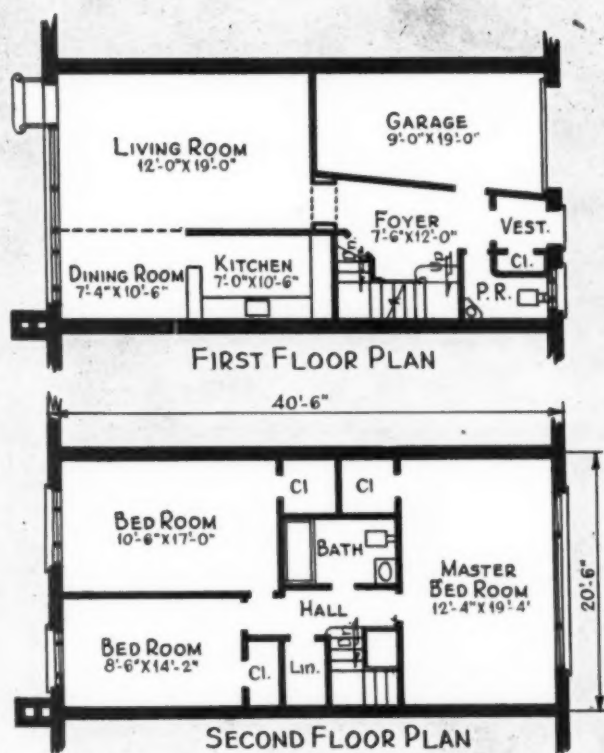
Adjoining the garages at the front of all homes, which are built fifteen feet from the curb, are stairways to the second floor and to the finished basement. A large guest closet and powder room are opposite the inside entrance to the garage, which is equipped with an upward-acting door.

On the second floor each home has three large bedrooms, each equipped with a spacious clothes closet. The tile bathroom, which has no exterior walls, is daylighted and ventilated by a skylight.

The project, scheduled for completion within eighteen months, is being financed by the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn which is also taking the 25-year mortgages of the purchasers. Veterans who buy the homes will pay \$52.80 per month to amortize the loans obtained under the G.I. Bill of Rights. Taxes will amount to about \$180 a year.

Included in the purchase price of \$9,990 for each house is a fully-equipped kitchen.

The shopping center to house stores and other service buildings will be constructed when the housing is completed. It will be designed to harmonize with the project's architecture. The whole project will provide modern homes with a country atmosphere within a nickel subway ride of Times Square, New York City.



ARRANGEMENT and size of rooms in these two-story 3½-room houses for veterans is shown here. Adjacent homes have powder rooms side-by-side, permitting considerable economy in plumbing installation. On a 25-year mortgage, veterans will pay \$52.80 per month to amortize a loan obtained under the G. I. Bill of Rights.



LONG, low, sweeping lines emphasize the horizontal aspect of this house. The view above was taken from the corner.

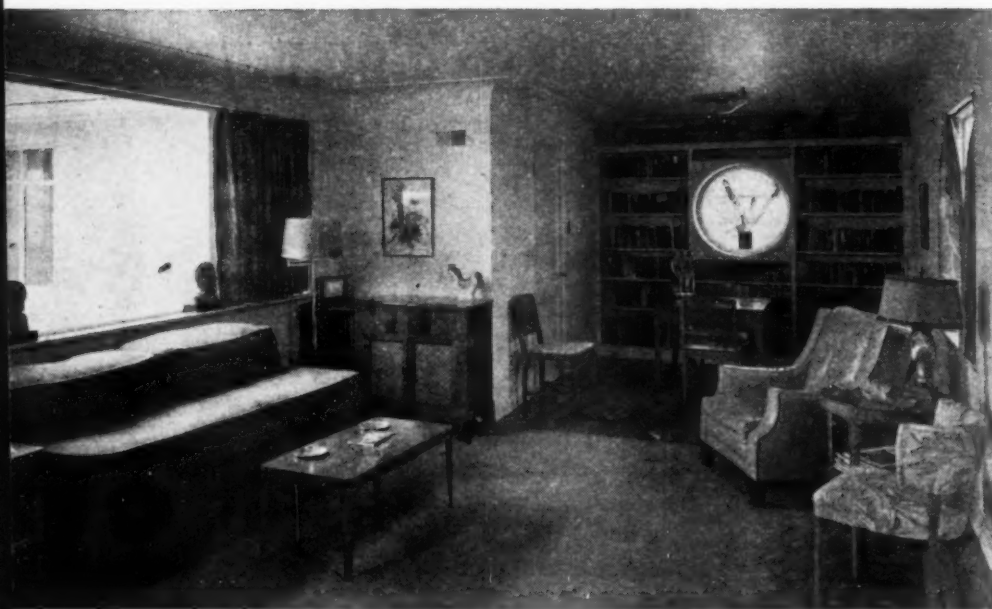
Designed for a Corner Location

This house of the month with its irregular plan is ideally suited for an outside city lot

OUT along the fringes of Denver, Colo., often referred to as the "City of Homes," Don E. Vestal Co., builders, started last November a program of fourteen rambling one-story houses of which nine have been completed and sold. These houses have ranged in cost from \$10,000 to \$28,000.

In addition to the above program, this builder has embarked upon a project composed of twenty G.I. houses that are now well under way. If the labor and material shortages are eased soon, he expects to complete the entire thirty-four houses this year.

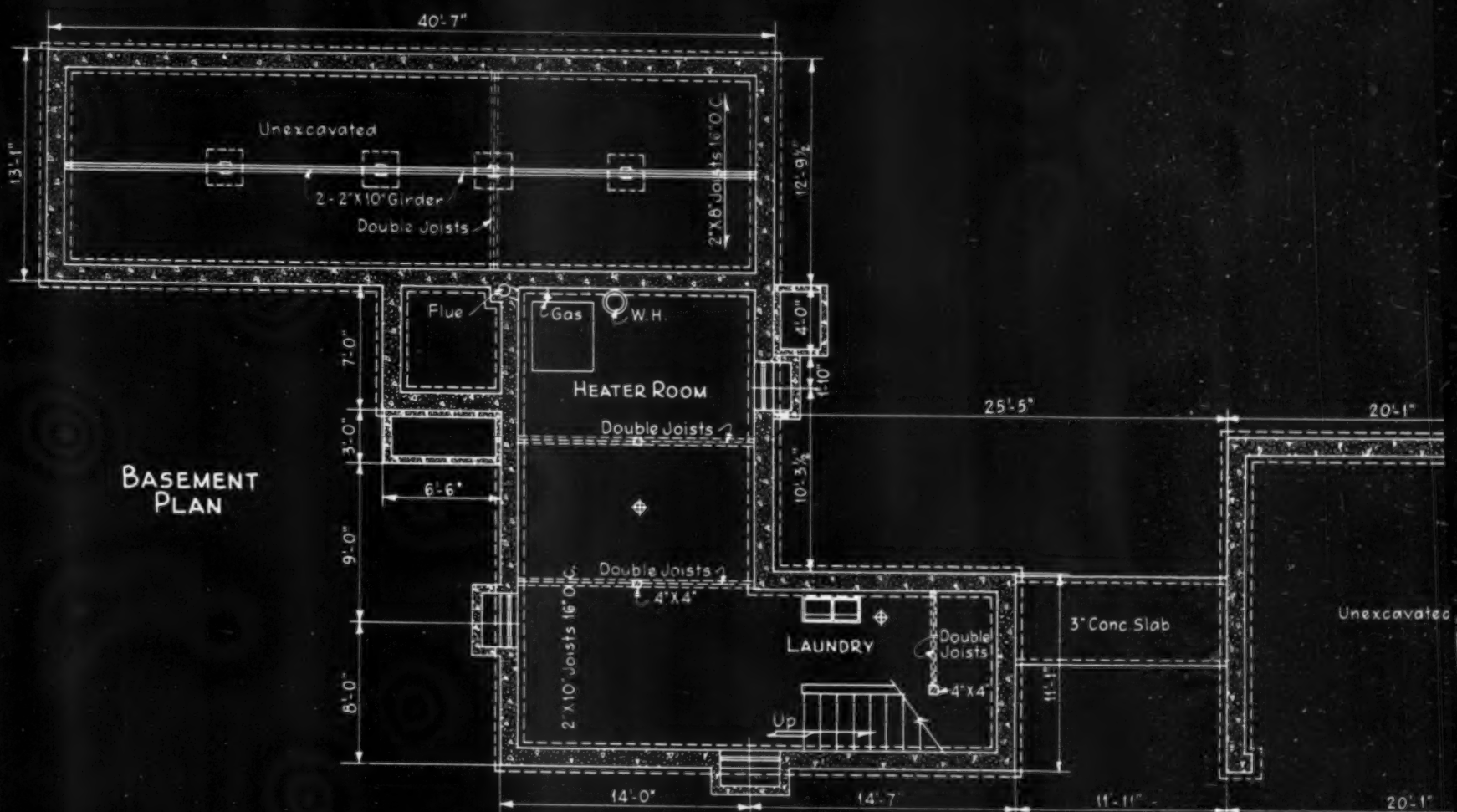
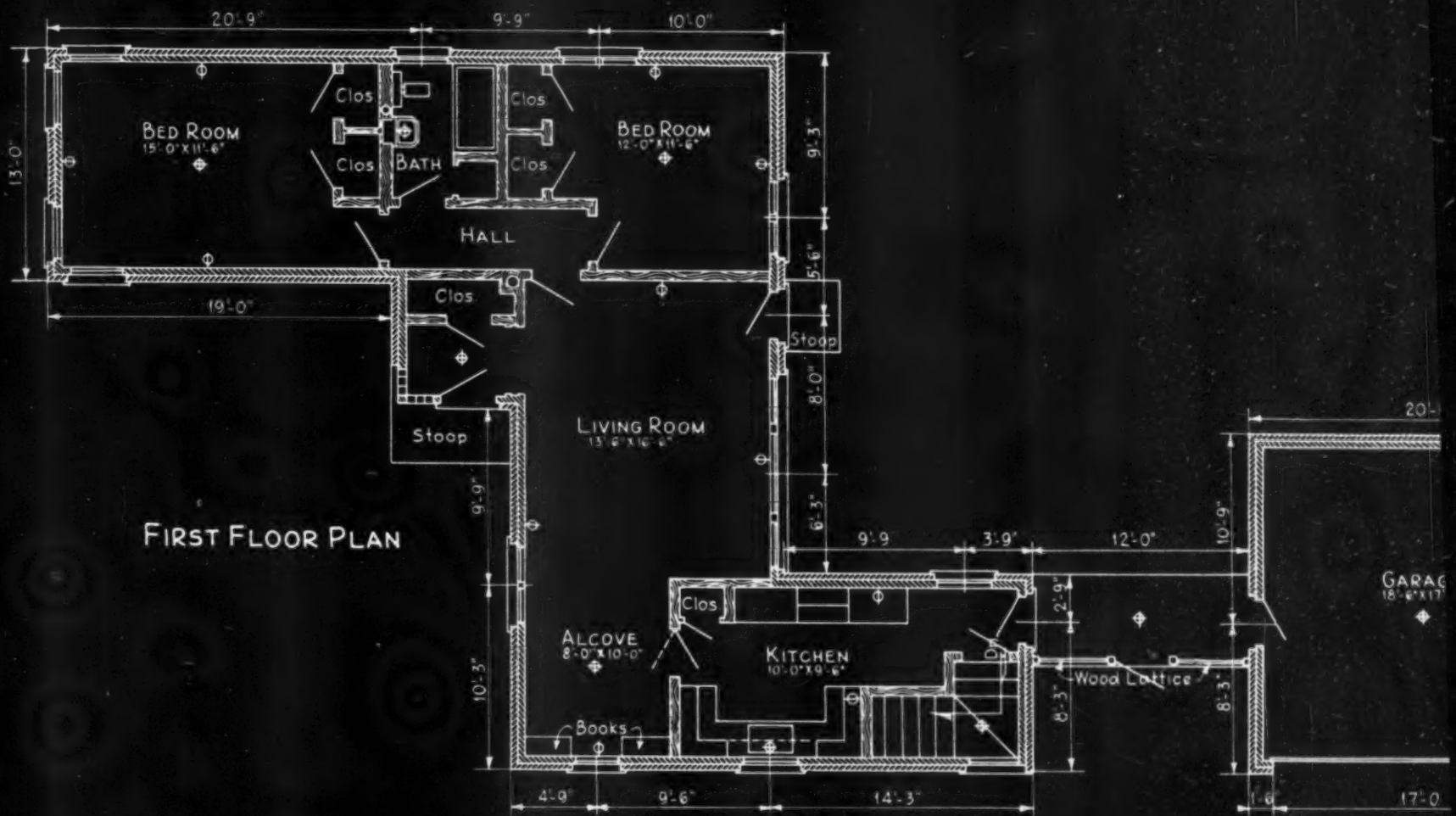
The house shown by photographs and blueprints on this and the opposite page is one of the best of the original group of fourteen. Securely rooted to the ground through the effect obtained by its low horizontal lines, this house with its restraining touches of tradition presents a pleasing appearance. An interesting effect is obtained on one wall by the application of siding from sill to cornice. Within the house, rooms have a modern, open arrangement that gives full consideration to sunlight, view, use and traffic control.



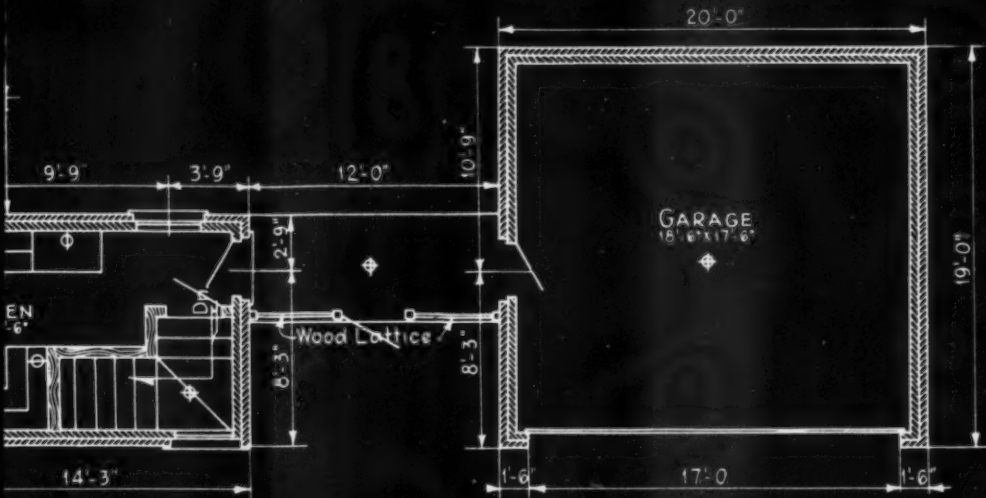
ABOVE: View in living room looking toward alcove and large picture window.

REAR of house shown below. Projecting wing forms a secluded area for outdoor living.

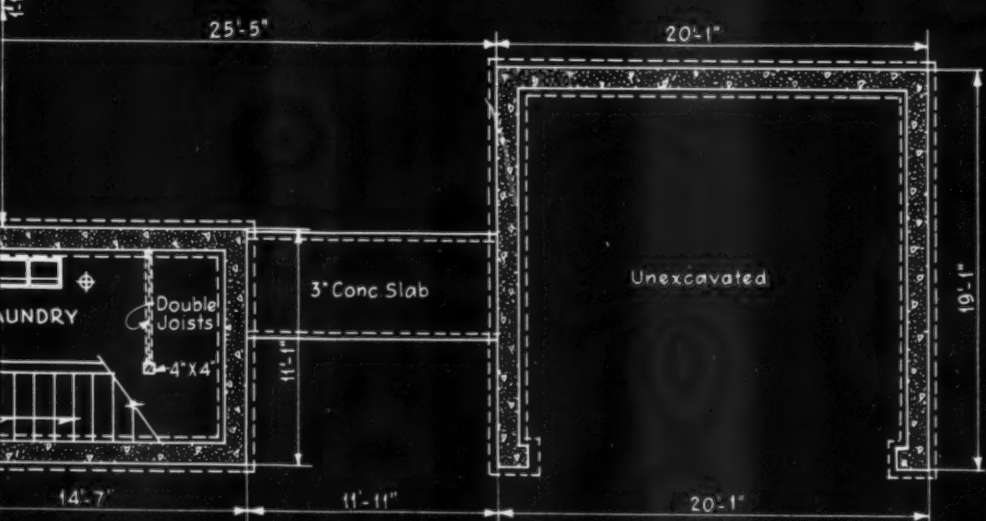


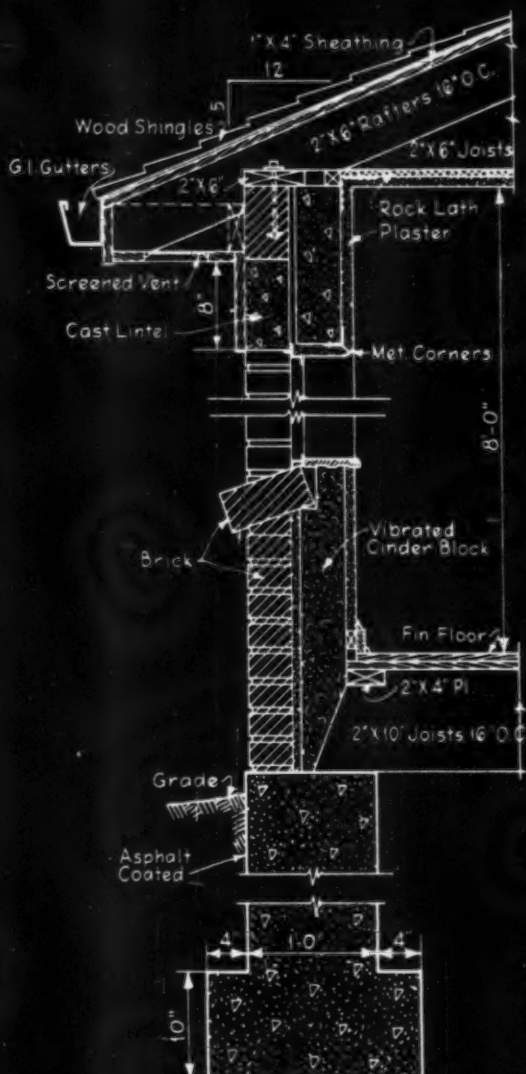


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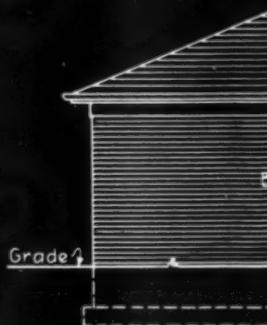
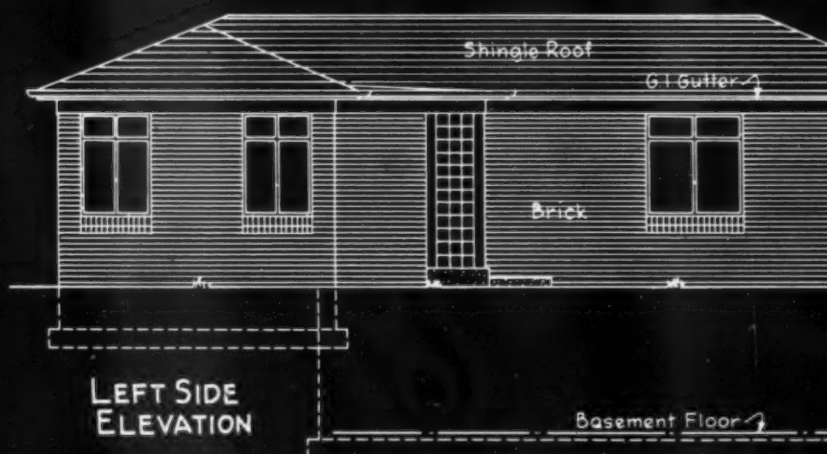
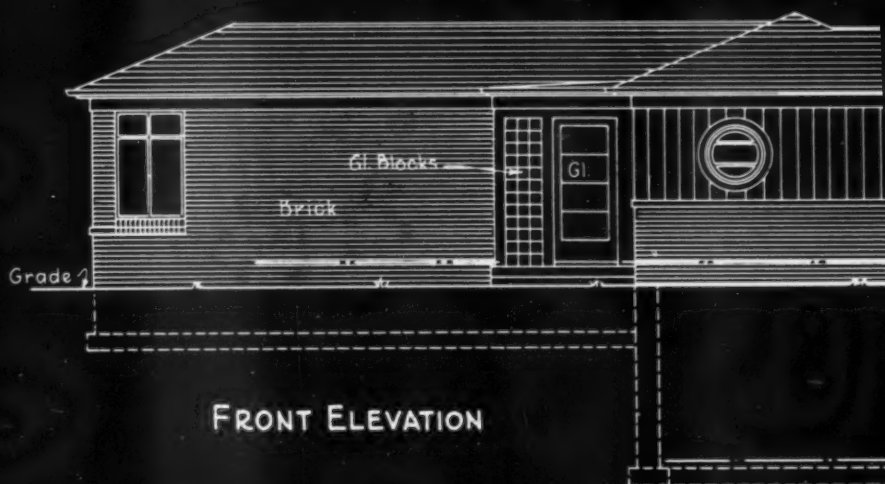




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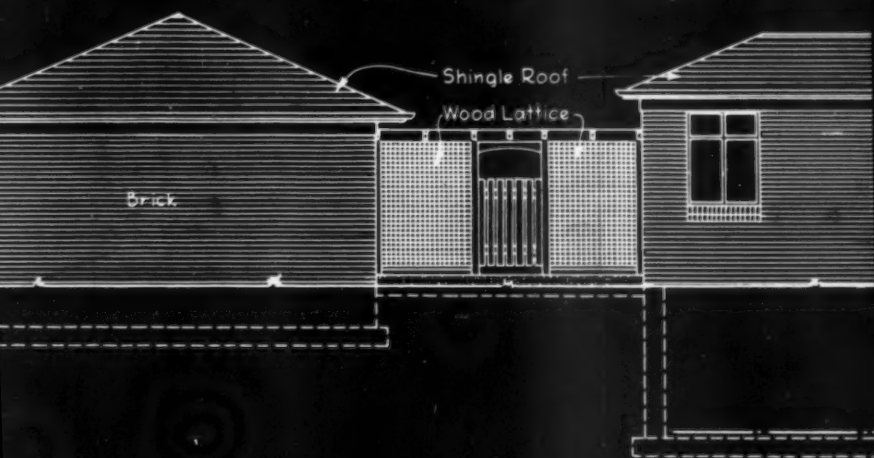
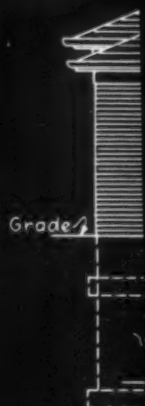
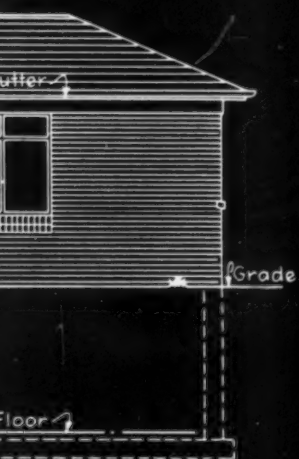
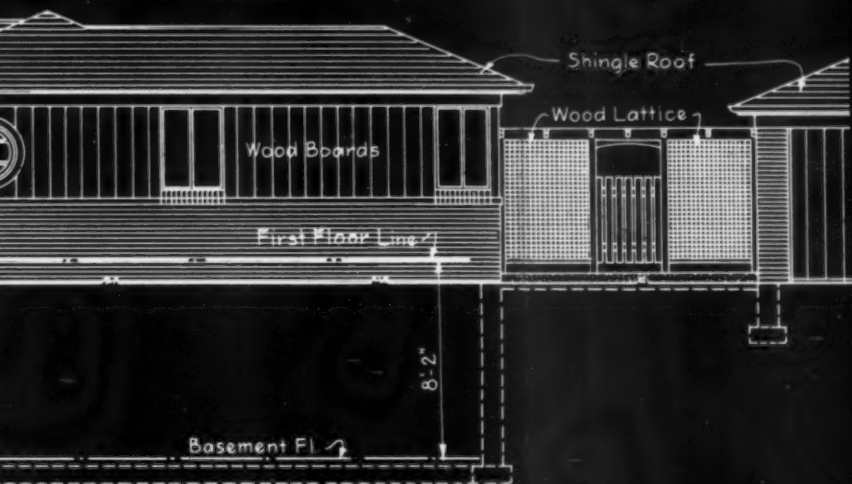


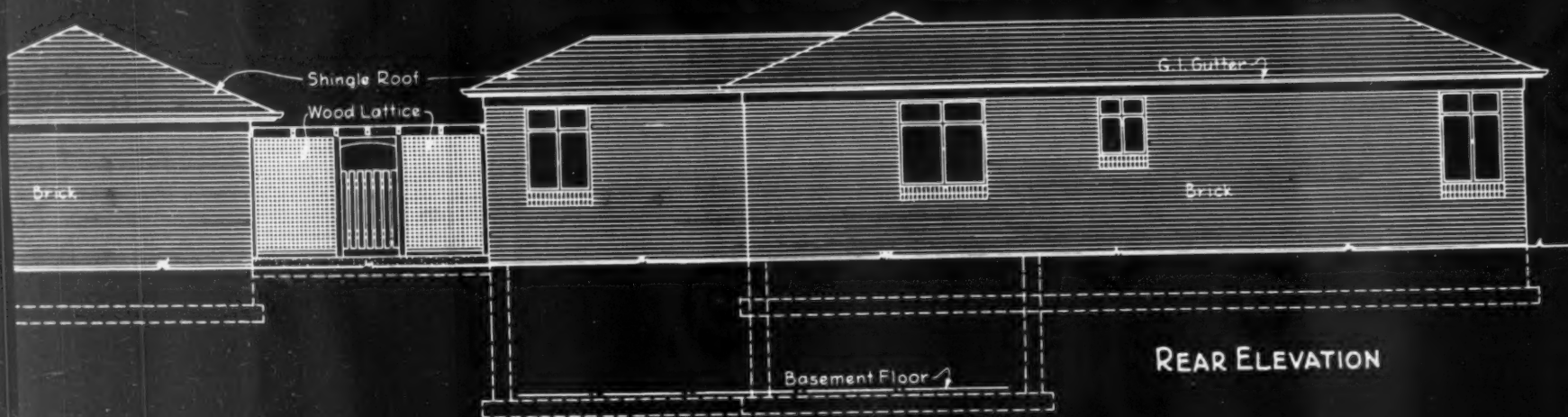
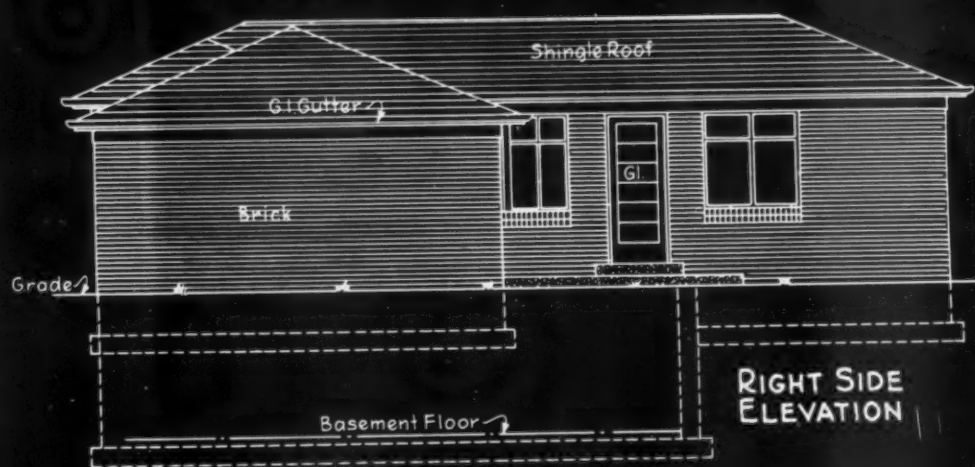
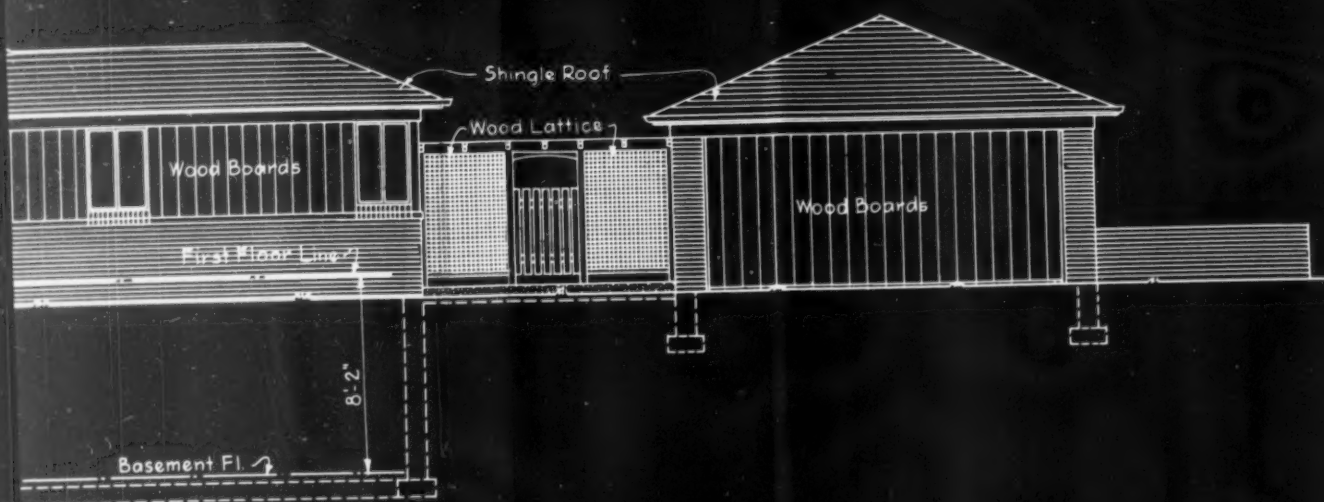
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It's a Matter of Record

Facts previously suppressed by NHA published in the Congressional Record of July 27 verify American Builder's repeated claims that Wilson Wyatt and the American public have been duped by fictitious statistics and propaganda issued by public housers

EEDITORIALLY, *American Builder* has insisted for months that Wilson Wyatt was duped into believing that a national housing emergency existed, and that he was the victim of fictitious statistics cooked up by NHA for the purpose of furthering that agency's public housing schemes. The editor of *American Builder* supplemented the magazine's editorials by telling the facts over national and wide territorial radio hook-ups, and by telling some of the facts briefly in a "March of Time" newsreel. The editors of *American Builder* knew, without statistics which Senator Wherry of Nebraska charges were withheld by NHA, that no national housing emergency existed, and claimed that the condition was one of acute local housing shortages that could be corrected by the home building industry, and would have been corrected by builders if Chester Bowles had been intent upon reasonable price control instead of profit control; and if Wyatt had turned a deaf ear to NHA propaganda and busied himself with learning the real story of housing needs.

The following excerpts from *American Builder* editorials are indicative of the stand taken. *American Builder* said in an editorial appearing on page 75 of the April issue, "The program [Wyatt's] was based on data and conclusions supplied by government agencies and bureaus whose real objectives are not housing for veterans and others, but regimentation and socialization of the housing industry through allocations, continuance of price and profit controls, and expansion of public housing activities. It was built essentially on three false claims. The first of these is that there is a great national housing emergency which can be relieved only by more legislation and tighter government control of the housing industry . . . Examination of the facts concerning an alleged national housing emergency shows that there are acute local housing shortages in many communities, and a nationwide shortage of new, desirable housing without a nationwide shortage of total housing . . . There

is nothing in the record of actual facts showing that there is a nationwide acute shortage demanding the hysterical and demoralizing action proposed by Wyatt."

American Builder said on page 59 of the May issue, "In his report, Wyatt said, 'I have examined the principal available data.' Industry wondered what the principal available data was, and how Wyatt or any other novice in the building industry could compose the report from scratch in five weeks. The answers came in March through publication of a letter which Chester Bowles wrote to Wyatt at the time Wyatt arrived in Washington. The letter, with the exception of the subsidies feature and some minor items, was what on Feb. 7 became the Veterans' Emergency Housing Program. Thus, the principal available data came from Chester Bowles. Therefore, since the Bowles letter, which was accepted by Wyatt as his so-called housing program, is so full of NHA terms and data that are at least questionable, it is in the public interest to ask that a Congressional committee investigate the entire obscure proceeding, find out just what is going on between Bowles, Wyatt and the NHA, and find out who is trying to use Wyatt and for what purpose they are trying to use him."

On page 75 of the June issue, *American Builder* said, "What was the situation then? [Jan. 1, 1946.] There were two million unoccupied dwelling units, at least three-fourths of which could have been made into desirable sale and rental properties with relatively little repair and modernization. . . . What was the situation on May 1? Builders had stepped up their operations from a rate of 750,000 new units a year at the end of 1945 to 1,200,000 units a year by April 26, 1946 . . . There was no housing emergency at the beginning of 1946."

On the subject of propaganda, *American Builder* had this to say on page 55 of the August issue: "How was all of this [the near victory of the public housers in the last six months] possible? Well, it is reported reliably that there are 22,000 public

relations men in government, 100 of them in OPA and 97 of them in NHA. All they have to do, at taxpayers' expense, is write propaganda. It is used by Wyatt, Bowles and others, who seem to have free and easy access to all the radio time they want; it is used by various government officers (Wyatt in July stumping for the W-E-T bill) who find time to tour the country on personalized propaganda campaigns; it floods the offices of newspaper and magazine editors; and it appears by the ream in the offices of Congressmen."

The myth of the housing emergency finally has been officially exploded, and NHA is sufficiently suspect of duplicity and under-cover plotting against private industry to warrant a thorough Congressional investigation at the earliest possible moment.

As complete and irrefutable verification of what *American Builder* has repeatedly claimed are statements by Senator Wherry, Nebraska, and Senator Ferguson, Michigan, together with statistics prepared by the Bureau of the Census and withheld by NHA during Congressional debates on housing, all published on pages 10377-10387 of the July 27 issue of the Congressional Record — Senate. The following is quoted from Senator Wherry's remarks:

"Last fall, the President of the United States told the Nation that 5,000,000 new homes were needed in this country. The National Housing Agency, which among other things is interested in building up a case for a huge public housing program, backed up the President with a statistical statement purporting to show that 4,660,000 homes were needed.

"Then a new face came among us, a Housing Expediter, who also is Administrator of the National Housing Agency. Soon we were told that there was an urgent need for 2,700,000 new homes for veterans alone. This figure also was backed up with an impressive statistical analysis.

"It will be recalled that I asked in the debate how many homes were

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THE simplicity, charm and beauty associated with early Colonial architecture are captured in this distinctive two-story Cape Cod.

A "World's Fair" of Demonstration Homes At



TREATMENT of the rear entry is characteristically Colonial.

A PROGRAM of test house construction on a scale of unequalled magnitude is nearing completion in Ingersoll Village, Kalamazoo, Mich., to demonstrate and determine the flexibility and create a "living" showroom of the utility unit recently introduced by the Ingersoll Steel Division, Borg-Warner Corporation, for housing, particularly low-cost housing. (American Builder, Feb. '46, p. 98.)

Seven nationally known architects were selected for this unique task. Their assignment was to take the consolidation of utilities, fixtures and appliances, and design conventional homes around it. It was believed that the unit, combining as it does the facilities for the kitchen, laundry, bathroom, household heating and other services, offered an opportunity for economies beyond the savings which mass production of the unit itself are expected to make possible. This was quickly confirmed by the architects.

The group of architects includes Alden B. Dow, Midland, Mich.; Harwell Hamilton Harris, Los Angeles; George Fred Keck, Chicago; Edward D. Stone, Great Neck, Long Island; Hugh Stubbins, Jr., Belmont, Mass.; Royal Barry Wills, Boston; and L. Morgan Yost, Kenilworth, Ill.

This group contributed nine plans. Three other plans were contributed by J. Fletcher Lankton, Peoria, Ill., the originator of the utility unit idea. These comprise the plans for the twelve houses in the development. The program was in charge of Ralph Gulley, New York architectural consultant, who is on the staff of Donald Deskey and Associates, which firm styled the unit.

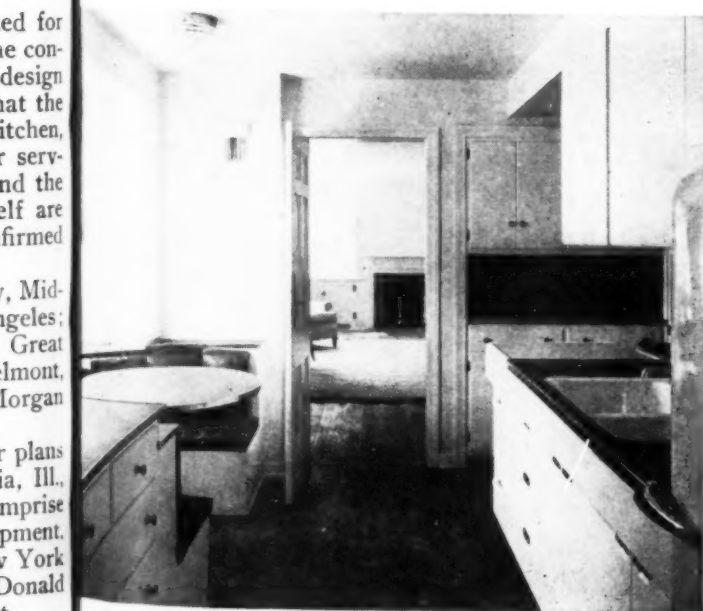
It is probably the first time in architectural history that men of such prominence and renown have joined to



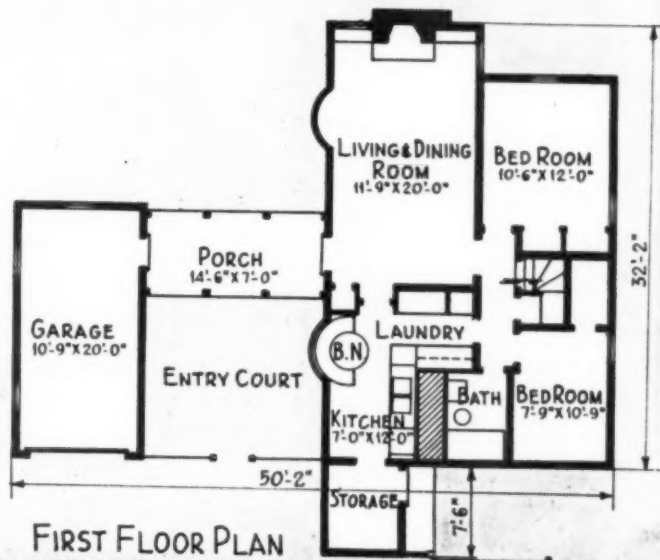
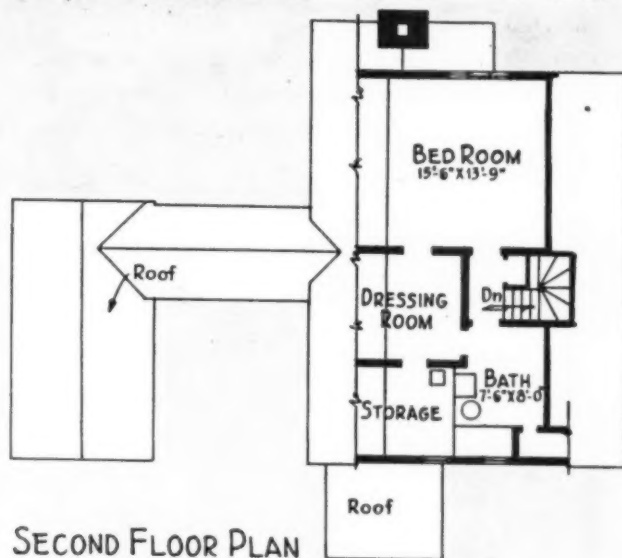
THE fireplace wall, with cupboards and bookcase of simple design, adds beauty to this end of the bright living-dining room.

At Ingersoll Village

Architect Royal Barry Wills designs a two-story, three-bedroom, Cape Cod Colonial suitable for the average family. Plans layout to capitalize on the advantages of modern mechanical equipment



THE COMPACT kitchen provides for dining as well as laundry while having an unusual amount of convenient cabinet space.





THE wide eaves, gentle roof slopes, and sloping window walls and ceilings are features of the Dow house.

Architect Alden B. Dow creates an interesting modern by combining outward sloping walls with a flexible interior

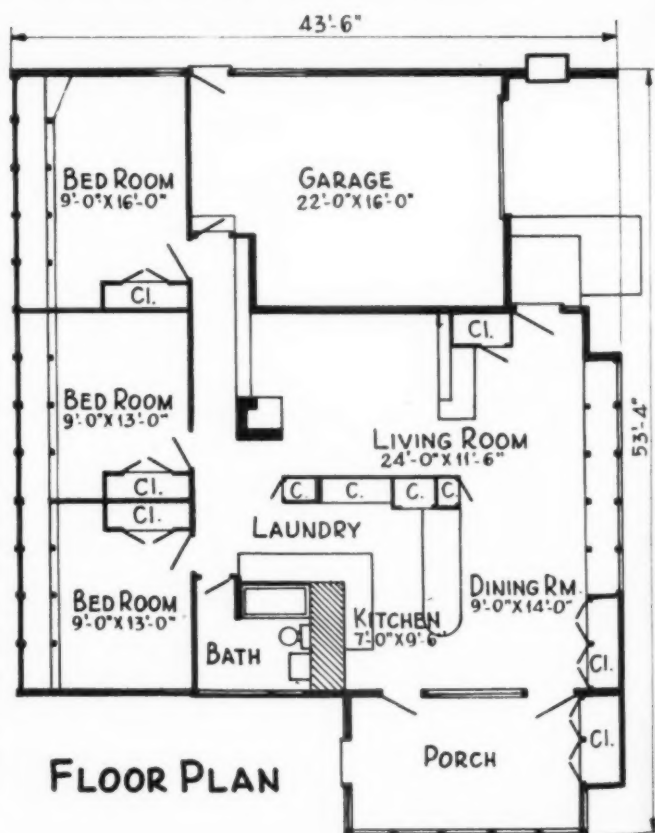
work out their respective small home ideas virtually side by side. For that reason, the whole experiment is commanding attention from the nation's builders.

As a site for the project, a picturesque rolling section outside Kalamazoo was chosen. Here the designs of these architectural leaders have been blended into a harmonious whole by landscape architects Clarke, Rapuano and Holleran.

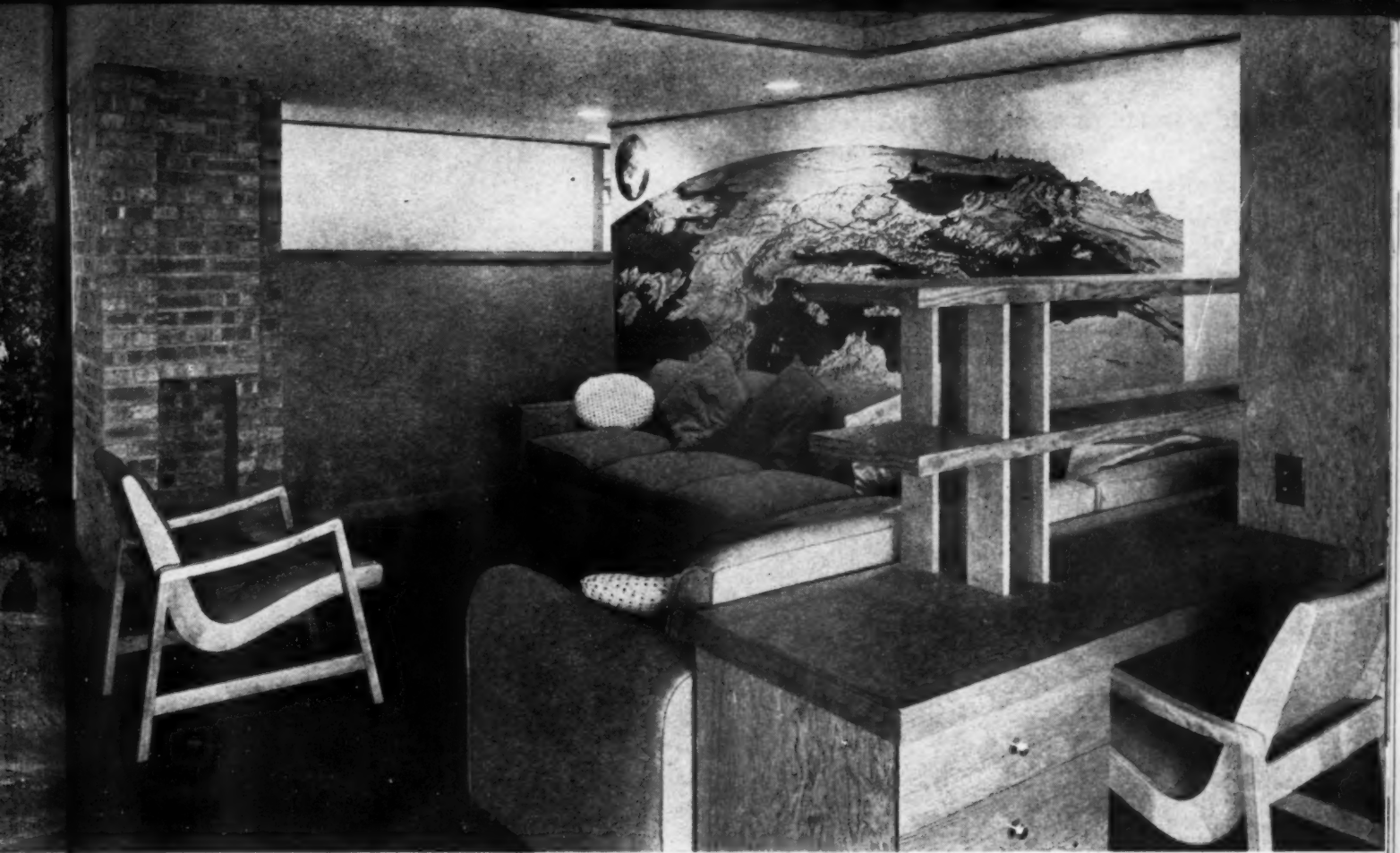
Many of the houses have features in common. All are without basements and all but one have pitched roofs. Practically all seek interior flexibility through more efficient arrangement of wall partitions. Most strive for spaciousness within narrow limits, and for a close link between house and site. The living areas are placed to provide maximum privacy. The test houses reflect, in other words, the best that is being thought and done in small home architecture.

The Royal Barry Wills Cape Cod Colonial, shown on the preceding pages, follows his familiar custom of white clapboard, green shutters and pitched roof. The garage is joined to the main building by a narrow, roofed-over porch fronting on an entry court with a white picket fence. In keeping with the developing trend toward placing living areas in the rear for greater privacy wherever possible, Wills has put the utility unit at the front of the house and arranged his living-dining space to open out on a garden at the rear. There are two bedrooms on the first floor and another on the second, where he has also placed an additional bathroom, a dressing room and extra storage space. Cubage of the Wills house is figured at 12,233 feet.

The Dow house, shown here, was designed to accomplish spaciousness within very narrow limits and also



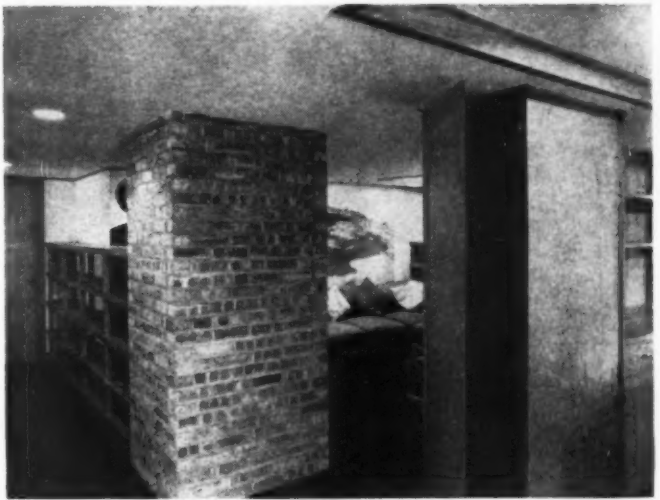
supplies a design adding two bedrooms. Outward sloping window walls and a flexible interior without the usual partitions are two important elements in his basic pattern. For interior flexibility, bedroom partitions can be moved back and forth without major alterations.



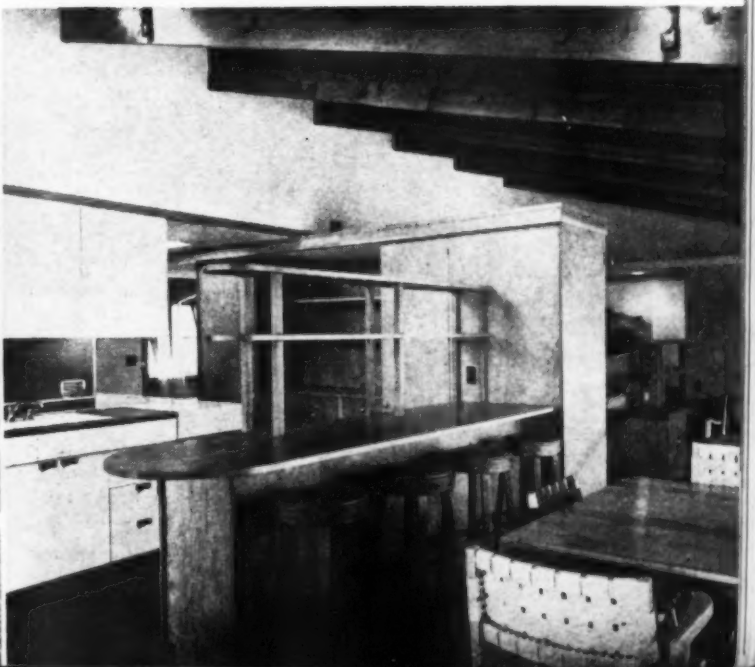
THIS interior view shows living room corner fireplace.

Living room, dining room and kitchen have been closely coordinated in order to make use of the space. Kitchen and laundry are separated within that area by door-height cabinets, counters and shelves. The back of one cabinet supplies the wall for the living room.

With the same aim, Dow allowed his main ceilings to follow the line of the low-pitched roof. Roof rafters are exposed for economy's sake and to enhance design. It is to be noted that he has incorporated adequate areas for closets, wardrobes and drawers. The screened porch has a storage closet for card tables, folding chairs and similar items. The concentration of window and wall



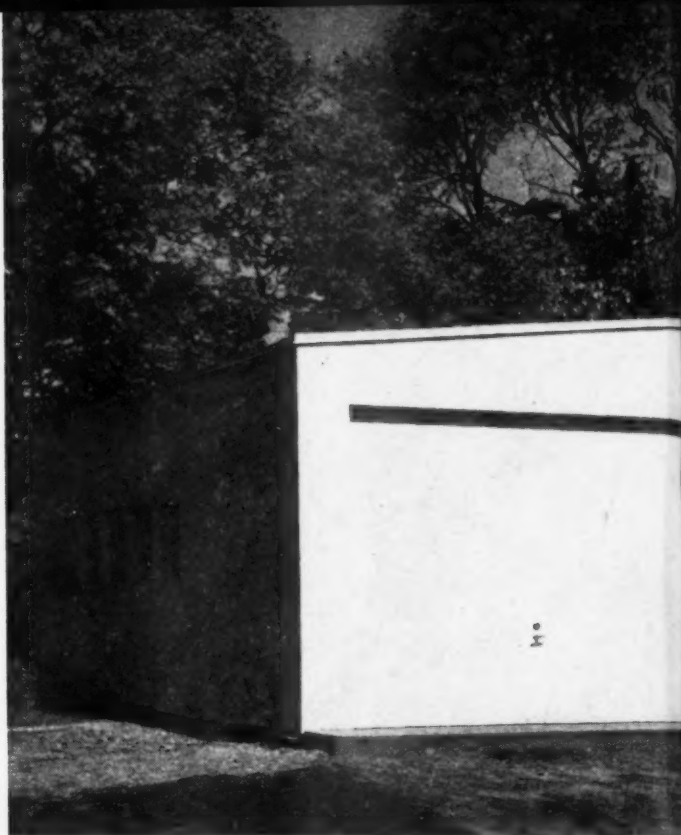
RIGHT: Interior of the Dow house showing built-in furniture. Below: Well protected garage entrance adjacent to the front door. Below, right: View of dining-kitchen area showing built-in breakfast bar and part of the Ingersoll utility unit in the adjoining kitchen.



Architect Hugh Stubbins, Jr., achieves spaciousness within a confined area by linking indoors and outdoors through skillful integration of these areas



THIS corner of the living room show unusual fireplace wall.



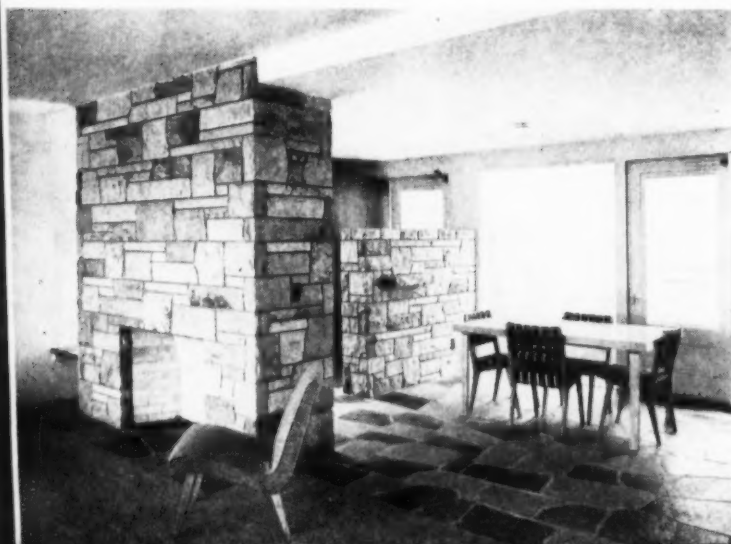
THE ATTRACTIVE, practical courtyard of the expanded

areas on the exterior makes a highly effective background for landscaping. Cubage of the Dow basic unit is 11,697 feet, of the expanded unit, 16,407 feet.

The Stubbins' designs, appearing on these pages, are skillfully handled in meeting the problem of a growing family. In the basic unit (opposite) the living, dining and sleeping areas would be suitable only for a small family; expanded, it provides all the facilities necessary for a family with young children. In the latter, the main bedroom is a separate entity instead of being melted into other areas as in the basic unit. The former, the smallest of the Ingersoll village homes, has a cubage of 9,941 feet, while the expanded plan has 16,262.



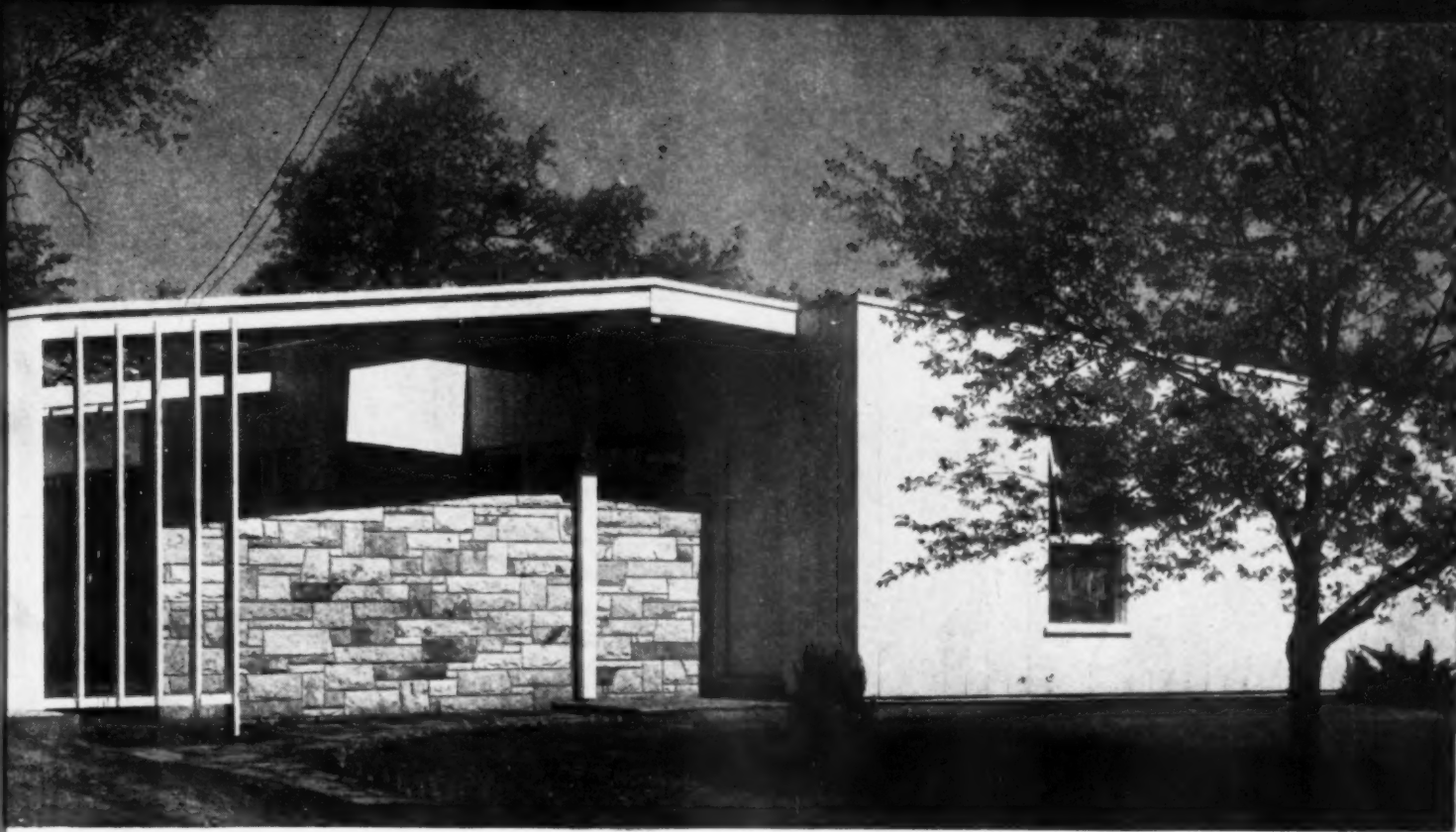
ABOVE: Part of playroom in the expanded plan. Below: View through dining room to the outdoor courtyard area.



FLOOR PLAN



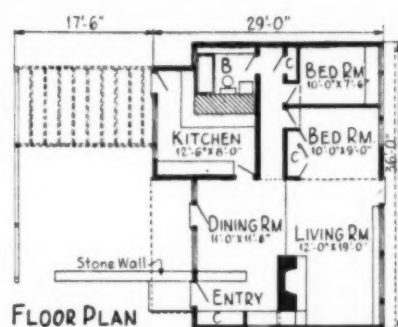
THIS PLAN shows expanded version of the Stubbins' house. The expansion is simply an extension of basic design.



version of the Stubbins' design is accomplished by simple combination of arbors and masonry wall, between garage and main house.

Expansible house design is adaptable to the requirements of a growing family

IN the basic design (right), the living, dining and sleeping areas are more or less open to one another but can be screened off by curtains and other devices. Note how courtyard wall penetrates the plan to create a small entry with closet space.



SHOWN above is the 'curtained sleeping portion of the living-dining-sleeping area of the Stubbins' minimal plan.



ABOVE: Top photograph pictures basic unit of Stubbins' design. Lower view shows courtyard formed by arbor and masonry wall.



ROBERT HALLIS, architectural designer, and Eugene H. Hannah, builder.



Putting Quality and Individuality into

Moderate-priced seven-house project in Ann Arbor, Michigan, being completed by builder who veers away from monotony in both exterior and interior design



PICTURE window distinguishes this house.

ADHERING strictly to conventional methods, but incorporating the newest in equipment and conveniences, Eugene H. Hannah of the Hannah Construction Co., Ann Arbor, Mich., is well along on a seven-house project which emphasizes quality and individuality in the medium price range.

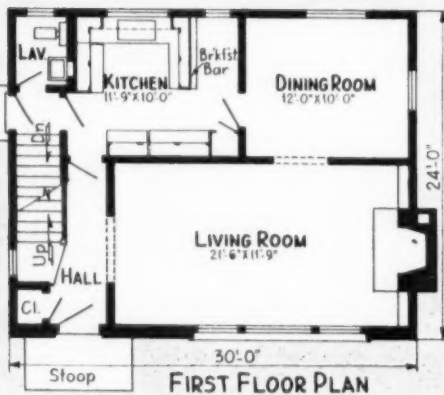
These five, six and seven-room houses are all located on one side of the same block. Each of the seven

homes has a distinctive exterior which is entirely different from any other in the same project. A different interior plan has also been used in each home so that no two of them are similar.

Exteriors have been varied in an interesting way, not only by the use of different designs, but also by utilizing good judgment in varying combinations of wide and narrow bevel siding, along with several different types of brick. In several of the houses large plate glass windows have been used to good advantage, not only to add to the distinctive exteriors, but to enhance the charm and livability of interiors. When construction of the homes is completed, expert landscaping will place each home in an individual setting of shrubs and trees.

The designer, Robert Hallis, and Mr. Hannah, the builder, are firm believers in good construction. An examination of these homes proves their good intentions. Both rough and finish hardware is of top quality, along with the lighting fixtures and other similar equipment installed by the builder.

The plumbing and heating system in each house embraces the best quality available in both workmanship and material. Every house is



EFFICIENT room arrangement and adequate storage space of this plan are typical.

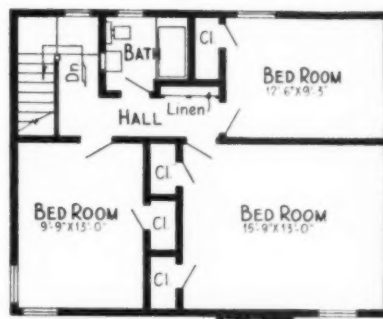


STREET view showing six of the seven homes in this project.

a Street of Medium-Priced Homes



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

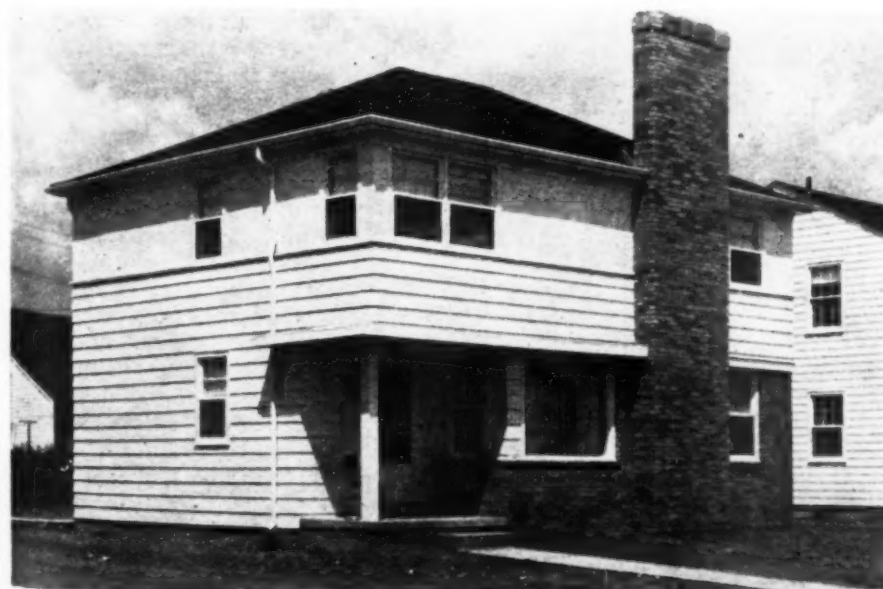


SECOND FLOOR PLAN

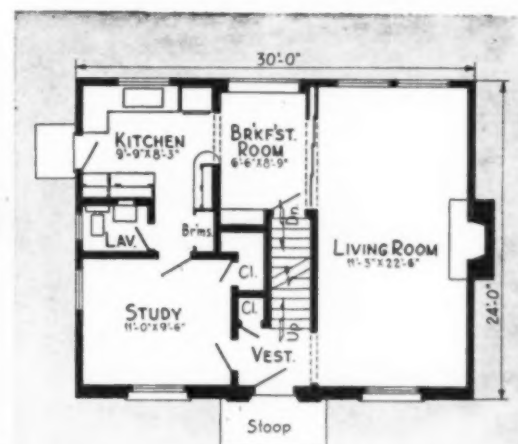
THE open planning of lower floor rooms in this house has public appeal.



NOTE the distinctive second-floor front.



ONE of the most popular homes on the street is this conservative modern.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

CENTER entrance, large living room, study, breakfast room with sliding doors between it and living room, feature this house. Second floor provides three bedrooms and one bath.



THE gable treatment and large plate glass window in the living room of this five-room modified Cape Cod add a distinctive note of spaciousness to the exterior appearance. The simple room arrangement fits this house to meet the needs of the average family.

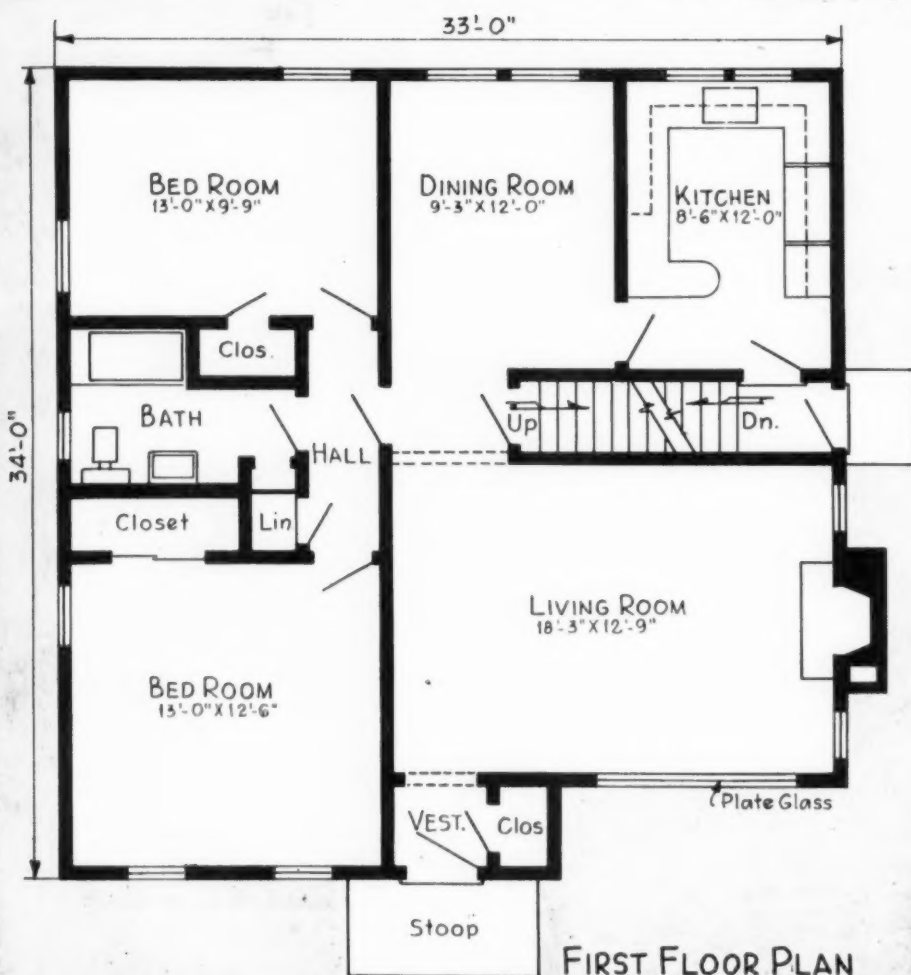
equipped with an automatic gas or oil fired forced circulation hot air furnace. An electric or gas automatic hot water heater is also part of the completed job on each of these homes. In some of the houses, Mr. Hannah also installed gas or electric cooking ranges and refrigerators as well as kitchen ventilating fans. All houses have full basements.

The charm and moderate individuality of the interior of each of the houses is the result of the work of Mrs. Robert Hallis, wife of the designer. Because Mrs. Hallis is a professional interior decorator, buyers of the houses built by Mr. Hannah are assured of the ultimate in interior decoration.

Even though all these houses were sold before they were completed Mr. Hannah built all the quality and livability into them that he would have in a highly competitive market. Because he plans to be in business after the current sellers' market is a matter of history, he intends to maintain this policy to protect the future of his enterprise.

Mr. Hannah and Mr. Hallis now own the block across the street from their present development and plan to continue the construction there of homes similar to those in this group.

Mr. Hannah says, "I have found it pays to use standard brands of advertised products in the homes I build. Home seekers are keenly aware of quality in materials, equipment and workmanship, and in a competitive market built-in quality makes selling easier."

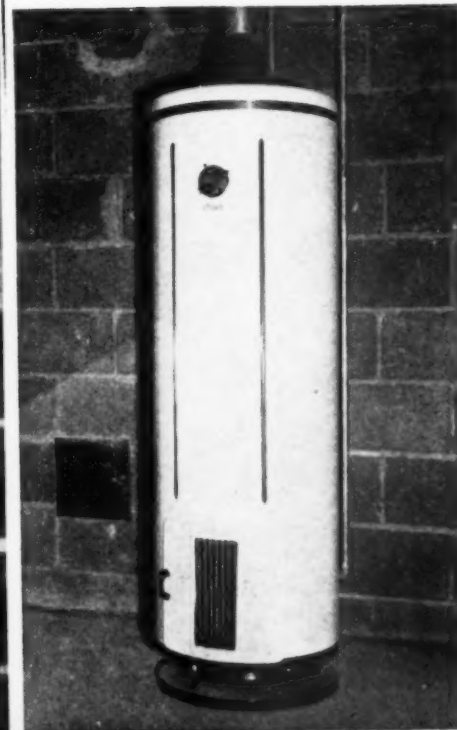
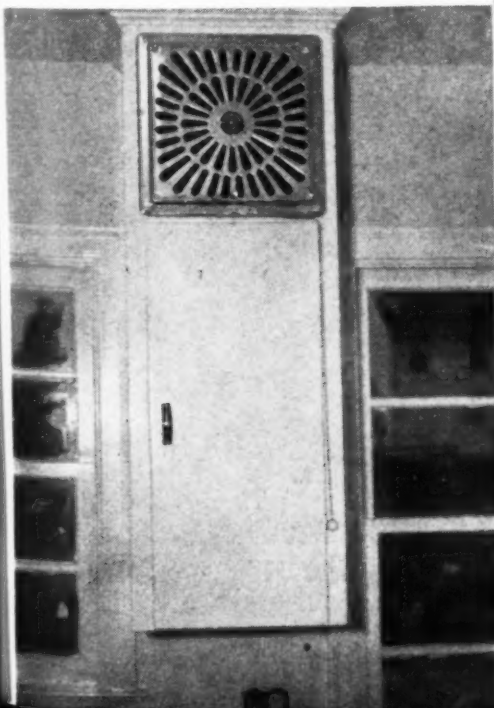
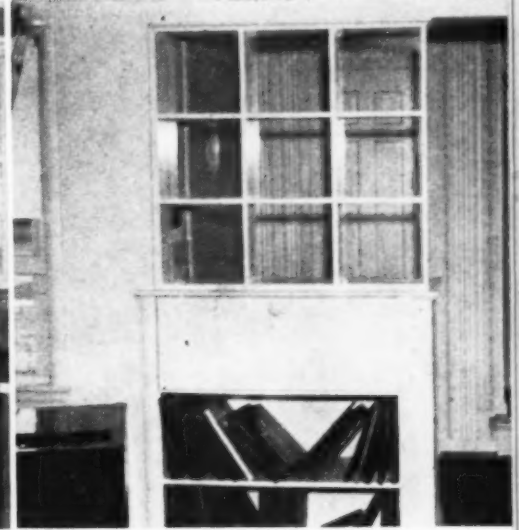


Appointments and equipment in the Hannah houses meet today's requirements

GOOD taste in the selection and installation of kitchen cabinets, closets, shelves, and other storage facilities adds materially to the attractiveness and desirability of these homes. At right is a partial view of one of the kitchens and dinettes. Sliding doors are installed for use in closing that portion of the house from other quarters. Below, right, is one of the all-red cedar kitchen cabinet jobs finished in natural wood. At far right is a built-in phonograph record cabinet which also acts as a partition between the entrance and the living room of one of these attractive houses.



BELOW is a partial list of the materials and equipment used in the construction of these houses: J-M and Ruberoid shingles; Perfection oak flooring; Pratt & Lambert paint; Surface Combustion and Janitrol furnaces; Minneapolis Honeywell regulators; Hart & Cooley and Airflow registers; Corbin locks; National and McKinney hardware; Standard, Eljer, Crane and Briggs plumbing fixtures; Pittsburgh plate glass in view windows; Pennvernon and Lustraglas window glass; Douglas fir plywood in cabinets and for subflooring and under linoleum; Curtis and Andersen millwork; A. O. Smith water heaters; Electrovent kitchen ventilating fans; Donley fireplace dampers.



Making the M

A well-planned small restaurant can appeal to the man in overalls as well as to the man in a top hat

RIKER'S sales formula has always been to appeal to the man in the street as well as the man in the cab," says Edward I. Wechsler, secretary of Restaurant Associates, which operates Riker's chain of eating places. "When we remodeled our Greenwich Village, New York City, establishment we tried, of course, to make it more attractive. We were concerned, frankly, that we might improve it too much, and 'scare off' some of our trade. But we have been pleasantly surprised.

"Customers still come dressed in overalls, and they come dressed in top hats, too. The increase in business since remodeling has been so great that we are now running the Greenwich Village branch on a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week basis. More important, we are using it as a basic model on which to plan all future remodeling work of the other links in our restaurant chain."

As a remodeled eating place, or as a plan for a new structure, the layout of Riker's Greenwich Village branch,

THE overhead panels contain lighting and carry air conditioning and exhaust ducts.



BLACK tile provides an attractive background for the stainless steel equipment. Blue and buff striped tile add a distinctive note.

Most of an Eleven-Foot Frontage

designed and engineered by Daniel Laitin, architect, and Mark J. Joseph, engineer, is worthy of study by builders whose trade is likely to take them into this type of construction work in cities or towns of any size, anywhere in the country. While eating tastes may change from town to country, the appeal of neat and sanitary surroundings in which to satisfy the inner man is universal.

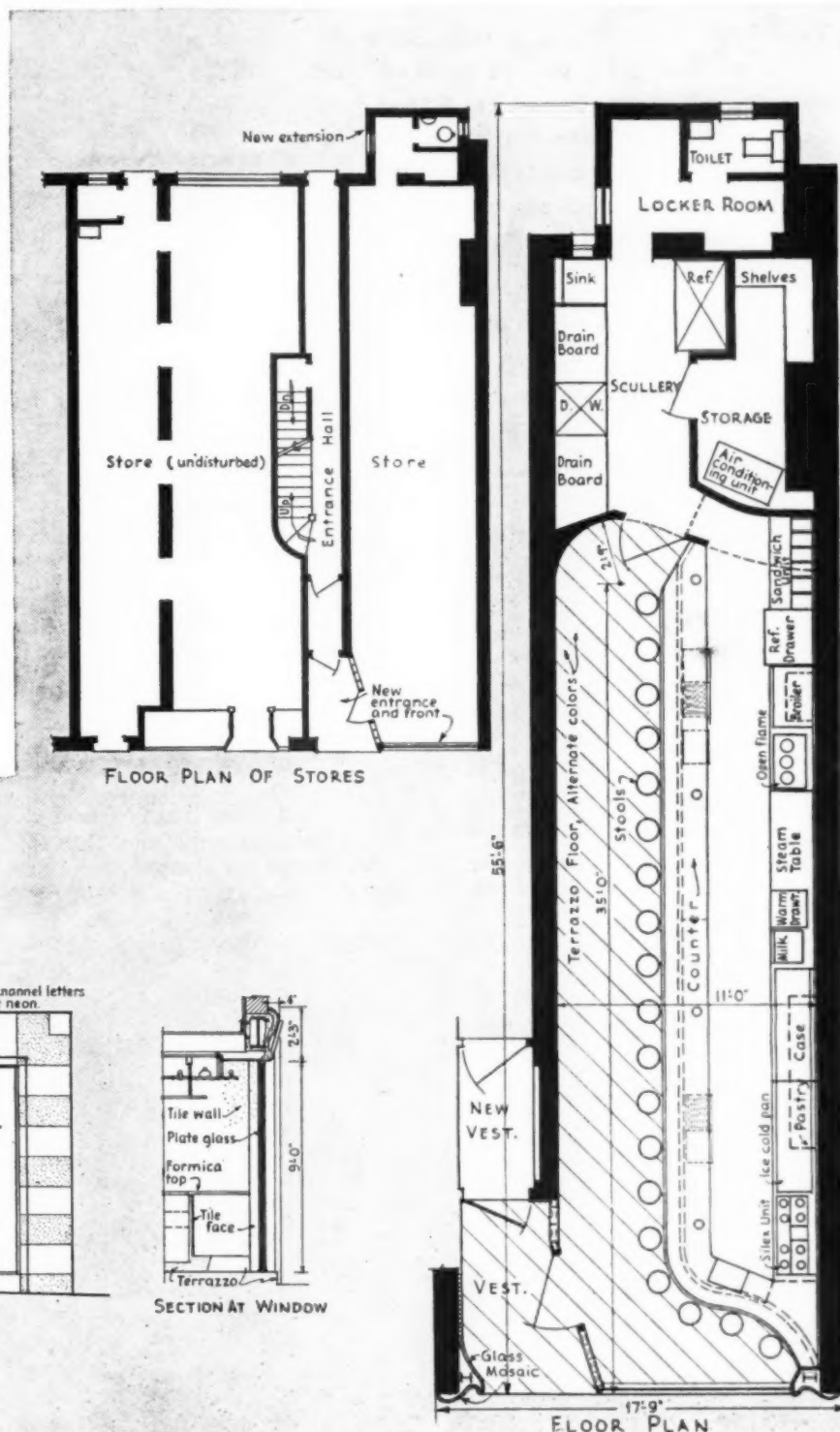
As will appear from the plan at lower right, in remodeling the existing structure to best advantage the door of an adjoining apartment house was pushed back eight feet to provide a common entrance, and to present a wider expanse of glass front through which the attractive interior would offer its appeal to the passerby. Glass block was used on either side of the restaurant entrance door, and a glass mirror the length of the rear wall of the room itself adds a definite note of spaciousness to the whole interior.

Other wall surfaces are done in buff and cerulean blue ceramic tile, set at an interesting sixty-degree angle. The same theme is carried out on the counter front.

Riker's, according to Mr. Wechsler, long has realized the psychological advantage of having all cooking facilities behind the counter where the customer can see them,

rather than in a separate kitchen, and this was done in the remodeled Greenwich Village branch. Air conditioning, and exhaust ducts to carry off the offensive cooking odors, are concealed in overhead panels, along with lighting equipment. The wall behind the cooking counter is of

black tile with white grouting. This, Mr. Wechsler declares, is not only impervious to steam and cooking fats with its consequent reduction in labor, maintenance and replacement costs, but also serves as an attractive background for the stainless steel cooking utensils and equipment used.



California Home Builders Conduct Successful Exhibit

Ten-day exposition drew attendance of 103,937 to set record for events of that type in Southern California; fourteen building trades associations sponsored non-profit effort which officials predict will be a permanent Los Angeles show



THE TWO model homes constructed opposite entrance



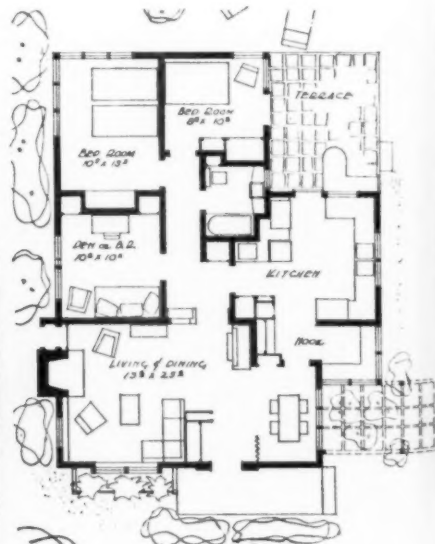
LAWRENCE B. GIBBS, left, secretary, and Milton J. Brock, president of the Home Show.

THE first annual Construction Industries Exposition and Home Show of Southern California, conducted July 12 to 21 in the Los Angeles Pan-Pacific Auditorium, drew an aggregate attendance of 103,937. This is by far the largest attendance ever recorded for a similar event in Los Angeles, according to Milton J. Brock, Home Show president, who is a leading Los Angeles builder and treasurer of the National Association of Home Builders.

Two model G.I. homes located opposite the main auditorium were feature attractions. A total of 89,300 persons visited these two houses and 59,000 of them were questioned as to their preference for the provincial or modern design. Sixty per cent of the

59,000 questioned preferred the provincial and forty per cent expressed preference for the modern. Both homes were of standard, permanent construction over substructure devices which made it relatively simple to move them to residential sites. This was done because the five-room home was given outright by the home show sponsors to Arvil W. Gabbard, 32, a veteran who served twenty months overseas. The six-room house was sold to another veteran for \$7,500, far less than the actual construction cost. These winners were selected under the supervision of a committee of judges made up of prominent Los Angeles businessmen and service club leaders.

The home which was given away is



EXTERIOR VIEW and floor plan of the conventional design house which drew the preference of sixty per cent of the 59,000 visitors.



entrance to the exposition. In the ten-day period the show was open 89,300 persons visited these two G.I. houses.

of the modern architectural concept, with interior appointments in the same theme. It has two bedrooms, one of which is cleverly designed for ready conversion to use as a den or library. In this all-electric home the lighting, heating, cooking and refrigeration needs are fulfilled by the snap of a switch.

Exterior of the larger, three-bedroom home, which was sold during the show, follows the California conventional design, and was furnished in Dutch Provincial. In this home, gas is utilized exclusively for heating, cooking and refrigeration. Furniture and appliances were not included in awarding the houses to the veterans.

The tremendous interest of the public in home building and the dis-

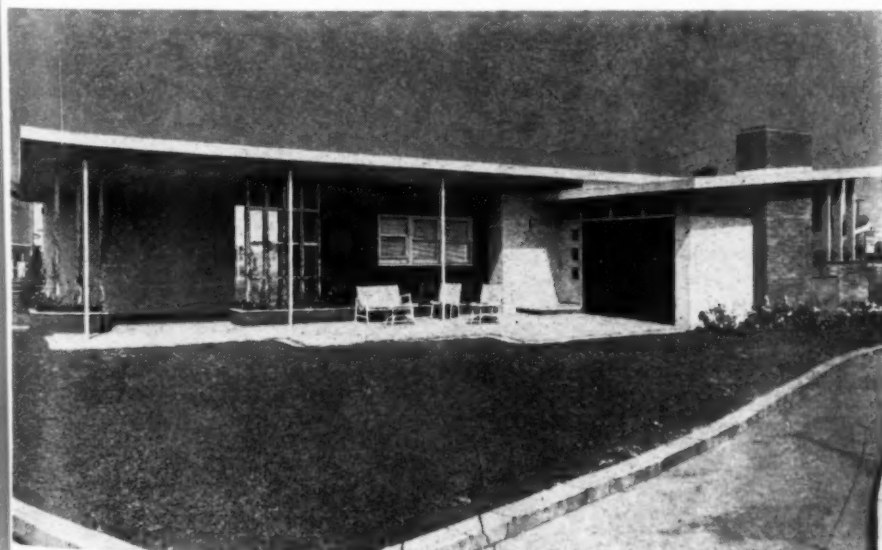
plays of appliances and equipment is evidenced by the fact that the 162 national and local exhibitors distributed more than 800,000 pieces of merchandising literature. One exhibitor, a Culver City stove manufacturer, alone gave away 69,000 souvenirs in the form of cast steel griddles. The booth operated by the Veterans' Administration fulfilled more than 20,000 requests from former servicemen for information on G.I. home loans.

"So successful has been this first postwar home show, in the face of handicaps and obstacles thrown up by retarded reconversion and limited production," said President Brock, "that the sponsoring organizations already have decided to make the event

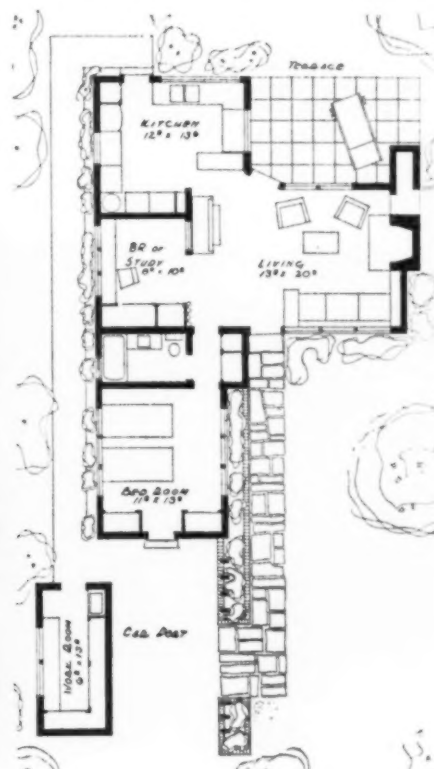
an annual feature in Los Angeles."

In citing attendance and other figures reflecting the great popular appeal of the show, Mr. Brock pointed out that the auditorium was open only eleven hours daily, from noon to 11 p.m. for a ten-day period.

Sponsors of the non-profit event were the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the fourteen building trades associations in Southern California.



EXTERIOR VIEW and floor plan of the five-room modern home for which forty per cent of those interviewed expressed preference.





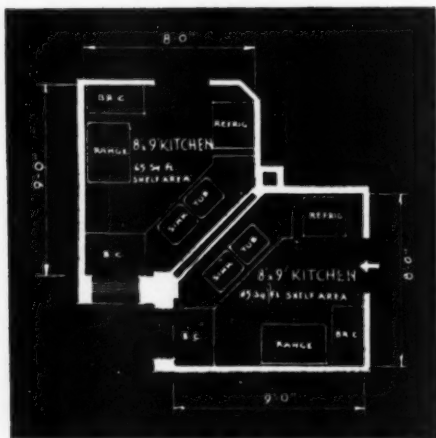
AN eight-foot Earle Unit Kitchen showing dish dryer in use.



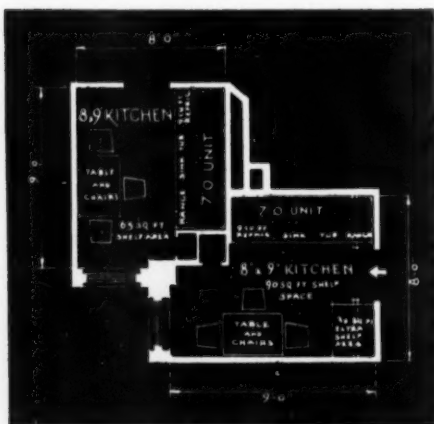
A SIX-FOOT four-inch "One-Wall Unit."

All-Metal, Compact One-Wall Unit Kitchen

combining refrigerator, stove and sink with storage space



MULTIPLE-HOUSING kitchens back-to-back laid out to accommodate major appliances and cabinets in the conventional manner.



THE same kitchens planned for the One-Wall Units, permitting use of the extra space for table and chairs. The compactness of these units should make them especially valuable to designers and builders of small apartments.

A NEW, compact one-wall unit kitchen consisting of an L-shaped refrigerator, a standard stove, sink, dish dryer, cabinet space and counter has been designed by Guyon L. C. Earle, a Long Island builder. Mr. Earle already has been granted more than a dozen patents and approximately thirty are pending.

The units, made of aluminum except for the stainless steel counter and sink, will be produced in four different lengths by the Reynolds Metals Co.

Outstanding feature of this new one-wall kitchen unit is the built-in nine cubic foot L-shaped refrigerator, which is so efficient it uses about the same kilowatt consumption and the same compressor as the standard six-cubic foot box. The use of drawers instead of shelves permits maximum utilization of refrigerator space with a minimum of cold loss when opened. The four drawers close by gravity

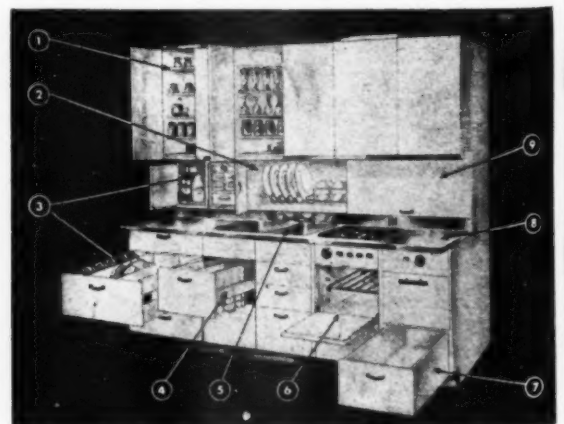
when pushed to within one inch of the opening. Waste heat from the compressor is diverted to dry towels and dishes.

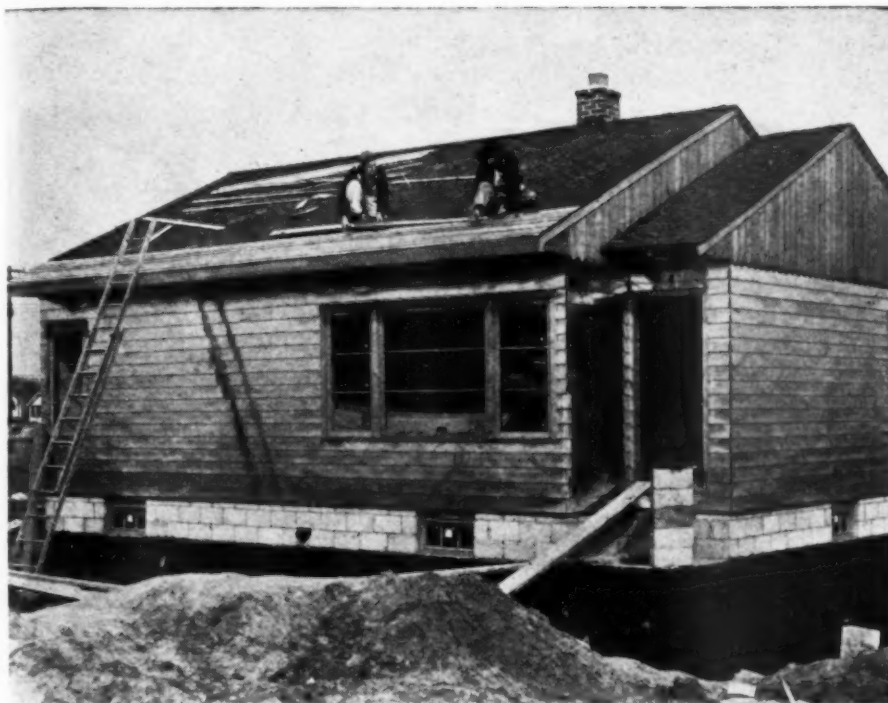
The 20 x 20-inch standard four-burner stove is fully insulated throughout and has an oven, broiler, automatic timer and thermostatic temperature control.

The wall cabinets have more and deeper shelves than conventional kitchen cabinets. Because the unit projects farther from the wall, space above the counter and below the overhead cabinets is utilized for storage. Capacity of the four different length models varies from 35 to 80 square feet. By combining the standard Earle cabinet units, any length one-wall kitchen can be designed after the minimum five-foot six-inch space for the refrigerator, stove, and sink has been allotted.

The largest unit provides space for a washing machine.

1. Deeper-than-usual shelves.
2. Dish dryer behind sink.
3. Nine-cubic-foot L-shaped counter-top refrigerator. Ice-cube compartment above counter.
4. Small laundry dryer.
5. Sink.
6. Full-size gas or electric stove.
7. Adequate drawer space in base cabinet.
8. Stainless steel counter top welded to sink.
9. Cabinets behind counter and below overhead cabinets.





WORKMEN are applying aluminum roofing. Installation of aluminum siding is complete. ALUMINUM siding in process of application.

Builders Use New Aluminum Siding and Roofing

FACED with a critical shortage of many conventional building materials, private industry is once again demonstrating its resourcefulness by developing a promising array of new building materials.

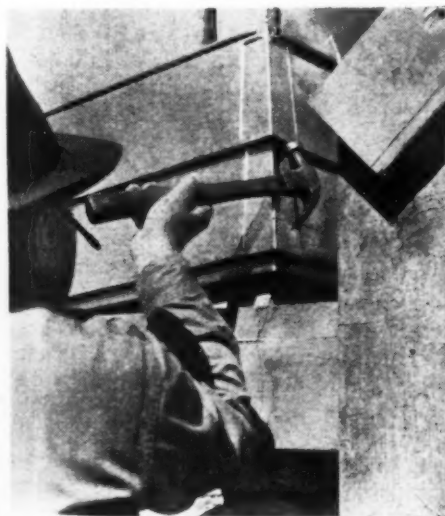
An example is the new aluminum siding and roofing material which boasts of many qualities desirable in an exterior building material; it is applied in the orthodox manner and can be cut with metal cutting saw or ordinary tinsmith shears. The product, Hoess metal siding, roofing and

trimming, manufactured by Metal Building Products, Inc., Detroit, Mich., is produced in 4, 6, 8, and 10 in. widths, and lengths of 8, 10 and 12 ft. The wide variety of widths lends itself to almost any building requirement where siding and roofing of a conventional material are used. Cornice and coping fittings complete the line.

The photographs on this page show Hoess metal siding and roofing "on the job." It can be handled by any carpenter or roofer and can be

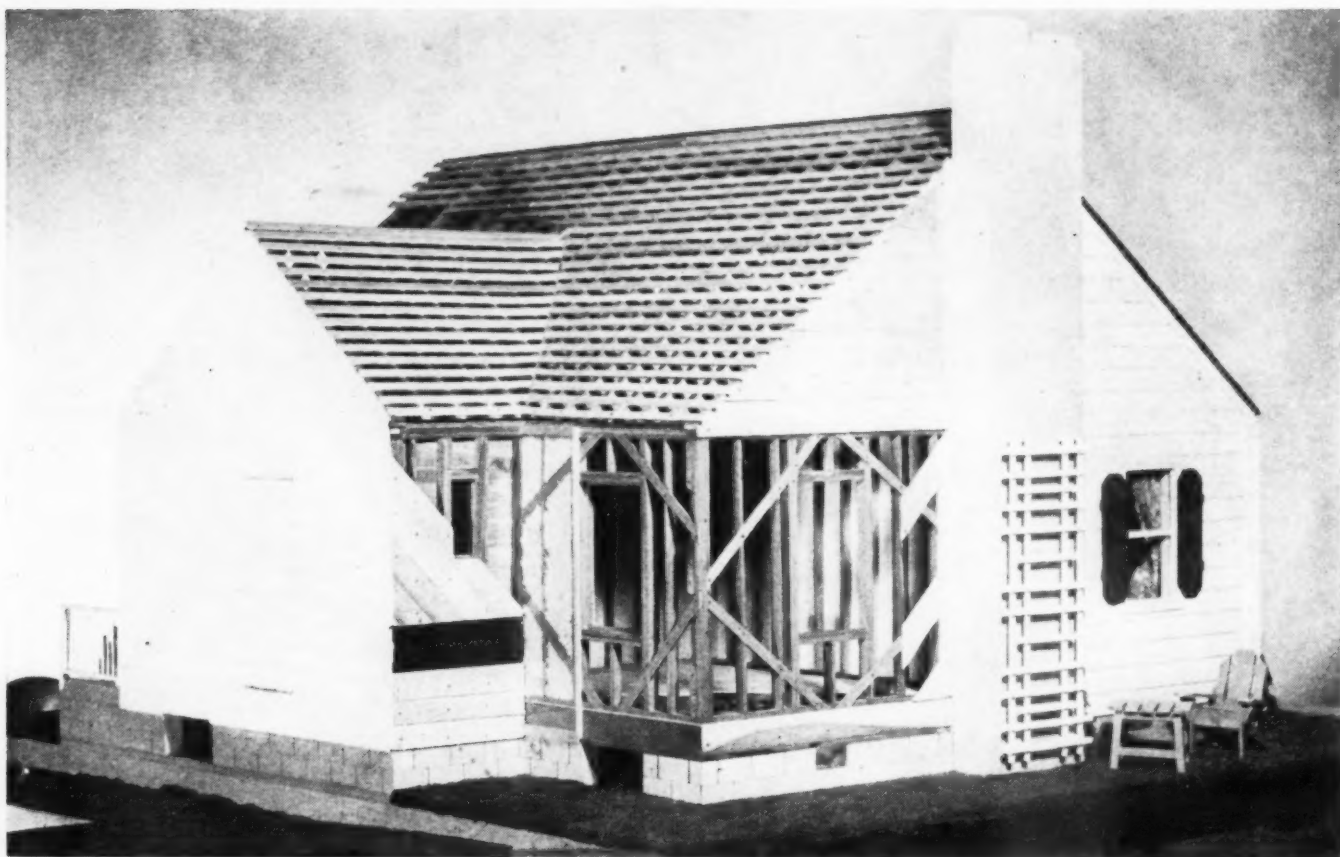
applied directly to the studding on both roof and sidewalls, with blanket insulation in the walls.

The manufacturers point out that the ingenious method of fastening one piece of the material to the other makes an absolutely weatherproof seal. Other features claimed for the new product, besides its ease of application and lasting low cost, are its permanent beauty; its fire protection and insulating qualities; and the fact that the material is weatherproof and vermin-proof.

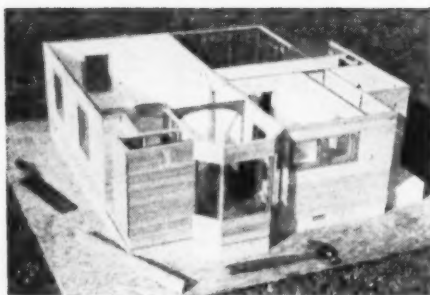


CORNERS being installed (above) come in suitable widths for each side of siding.

SHOWN cutting a piece of aluminum siding are: (l. to r.) Frank Benesh, Metal Buildings Products, Inc.; William Hoess, Hoess Bros.; C. M. Whelan, of Alcoa; William Zimmerman, architect.



MINIATURE model home under construction with bevel siding exterior.



ANOTHER view of model house at top.

Serving the Miniature Model Home Industry

Accurately manufactured standard lumber items scaled to 1/10 actual size in softwoods and hardwoods produced for display houses



ROBERT KOONS assembling a lumber order in the miniature lumber yard.

CONSTRUCTING good miniature model homes for display and demonstration purposes during the past few years has been about as difficult as building a full-size structure. Lack of suitable material to build them has been one of the prime deterrents.

Cognizant of the need for workable miniature model home building material, two brothers, Gene and Robert Koons, 1932 South Florence Place, Tulsa, Okla., have established what is probably the only miniature lumber yard in existence. They are manufacturing and selling standard stock lumber in a wide range of sizes cut to 1/10 actual board foot size. They offer boards from 1 x 2 through 1 x 12 and dimension from 2 x 2 through 2 x 12 in hardwood or softwood. Miniature model home builders may also order 6-inch baseboard, 10-inch bevel siding and 3-inch hardwood flooring, all cut accurately to 1/10 of actual size. They also offer

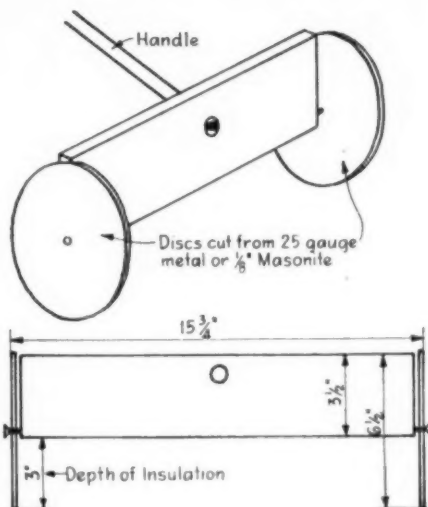
miniature cement blocks for foundations, miniature beams and other components needed for miniature home construction.

Because the lumber is scaled accurately to 1/10 actual size, it is small enough for practical model building, yet large enough to be handled easily and nailed if desired. Half-inch 20-gauge wire brads are available for nailing.

The lumber is all cut on standard machinery jugged up for mass production. When filling orders by mail, each piece is stamped to specify the dimensions of the standard board or structural member it represents.

Gene and Robert Koons call their firm the Miniature Lumbercraft Co., and have adopted the trade name "Min-A-Lum" for their product. All the material required for the construction of an average six or seven room miniature model home may be had for approximately \$25. They also offer lumber for miniature furniture.

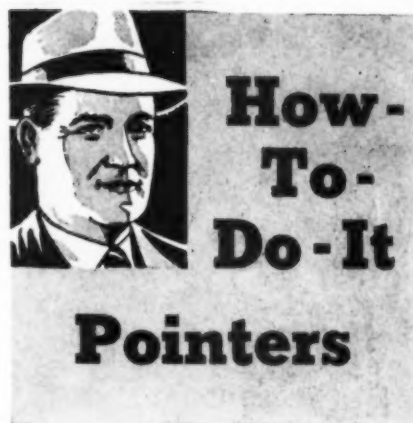
How to Make an Insulation Spreader



VICTOR P. MAURER, Millwood, Wash., submits this idea which he has found to be practical for spreading dry fill, mineral fill or sawdust insulation.

This spreader distributes the insulation evenly over the area to its required depth, and is very handy in spreading the material in the hard-to-reach spaces.

The insulation is poured between the ceiling joists at a convenient place, and then by rolling the spreader in a back and forth motion between the joists, the material will be spread evenly over the surface.

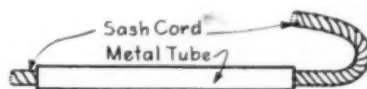


How to Make a Glue Brush

WALTER J. MERNER, Pequannock, N. J., says: "A glue brush is hard to keep around the shop, and when you do catch up with it, then it is just that hard.

"I now use a short piece of metal tubing, 1/4 in. in diameter and 6 in. long, into which is placed a short piece of sash cord, leaving about 3/8 in. of the cord extending beyond the tube.

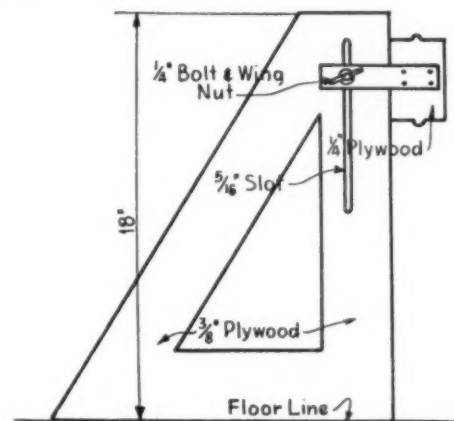
"This makes a swell glue brush and it can be made new again merely by pulling out another 1/2 in. of the cord and cutting off that part which has become hard."



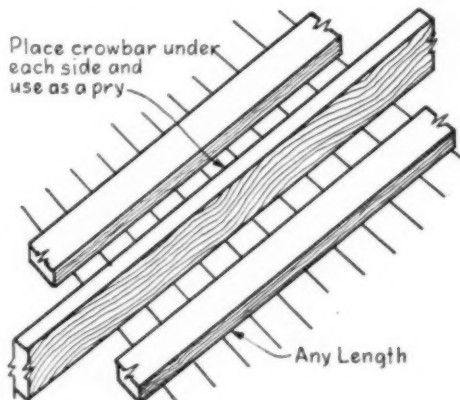
J. G. CALDWELL, San Mateo, Calif., says: "When nailing up plaster board it is difficult to locate the outlet boxes for switches, plugs, etc.

"To minimize this difficulty I made a marker as shown. A plywood template of the electric outlet box is first made. That is fastened to a wooden square as shown. Place bottom of square on floor, loosen wing nut and slide template up until it covers outlet box. Mark on floor at B. Nail plaster board on wall and replace marker. Scribe around template and cut. This gives exact location. No measuring—no mistakes."

How to Make an Electric Outlet Marker



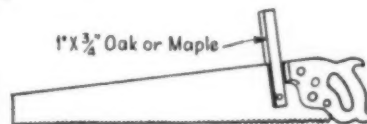
How to Remove Old Lumber When Wrecking Buildings



JOE TROTTNER, Wabasha, Minn., submits an idea for saving lumber at a time when materials are so hard to get.

"To remove siding or flooring from studs or joists," he says, "it would first be necessary to cut a section of the material from the wall or floor and then drop the section flat on the ground. Place blocks of 2 x 4's along both sides of studs and pry the studs loose from siding, thus leaving the siding intact. Flooring can be removed in the same manner."

How to Make a Saw Serve as a Square



ED NICKERSON, East Harwich, Mass., suggests that with the addition of a wood strip the saw may be made to serve as a square if it has a straight back. In order to do this, rip a piece of oak 3/4 in. thick, 1 in. wide and 7 in. long down the center for 3 1/2 in. to permit it to straddle the saw blade. Drill hole through oak and saw blade and insert small bolt to hold in place. It can now be used as a square for laying floor or siding.

How to Set Stepping Stones That Don't Wobble



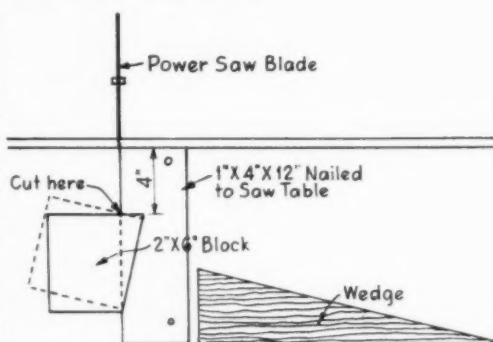
GEORGE T. MANN, Fort Myers, Fla., says: "To set a stepping stone for gardens and lawns excavate a hole approximately the shape of the stone to be used. Allow a margin somewhat deeper than the stone is thick and wide enough at the bottom to insure a good undercut as indicated in the sketch."

"Place the stone in the hole level with the existing grade and puddle the backfill well with a hose as you work it under and around the edges of the stone."

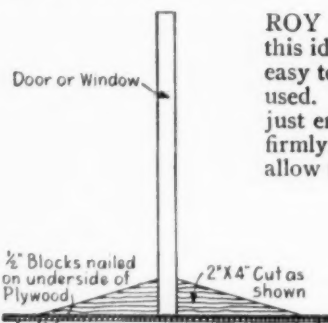
How to Cut Wedges on a Power Saw

J. G. CALDWELL, San Mateo, Calif., in submitting this idea, says: "When cutting wedges for form work or for blocking up window sills, etc., I cut the shape of the wedge out of a scrap piece and nail it to the saw table as shown."

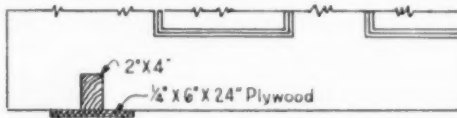
"Then I cut blocks from 2x6 in. soft lumber about 12 in. long. After I cut one wedge I turn the block over and repeat. This is fast and safe."



How to Make a Door or Window Jack



ROY E. SMITH, Seattle, Wash., in submitting this idea for a door and window jack, says that it is easy to make and the most efficient that he has ever used. "If properly made," he says, "there will be just enough spring in the plywood to grip the door firmly. By placing foot on end of the jack it will allow the door to drop in easily."



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Exterior Mouldings and Cornices

By R. J. Alexander

MOULDINGS are used primarily to beautify the exterior of a building. They are the means of embellishing the form conceived by the designer.

The type and size of the moulding to be used will be governed by the size and height of the building, location and scale of cornices, and by the general design of the structure.

Generally speaking the horizontal cornice of a building is called the "level cornice," while the cornice running up the edge of the roof or gable is spoken of as the "rake or gable cornice."

The cornice is made up of crown mould, fascia, soffit, bed mould and frieze. Carpenters usually refer to the soffit as a plancier. According to practice the moulding in the angle between shingles and fascia is referred to as the crown mould, and the moulding in the angle formed by soffit and frieze is called the bed mould.

Originally the terms "crown" and "bed" referred to the design of the mouldings as well as the location. Many designers prefer the use of a large moulding in the angle between soffit and frieze and a small moulding in the position usually occupied by the crown mould.

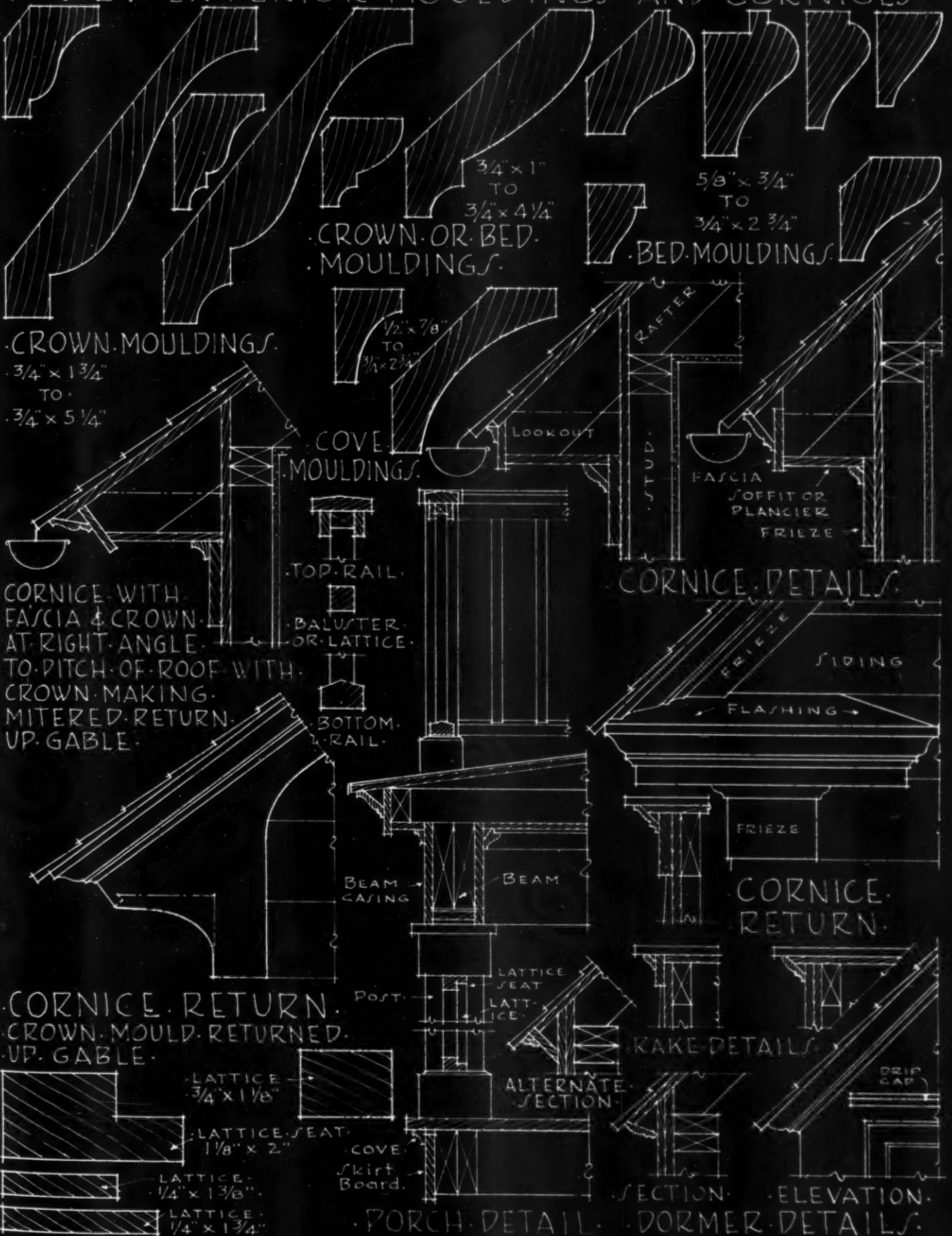
Mouldings are of two types, solid or sprung. The small cove mould illustrated is an example of a solid mould, while the crown moulds are all of the sprung type. Where it is necessary to bend a moulding, saw-knifing may be employed.

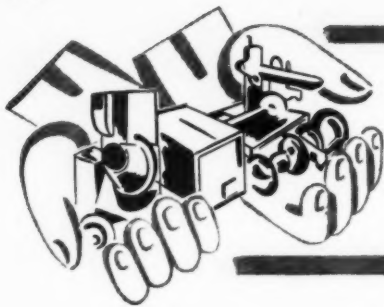
An important point in good cornice construction is the use of sufficient blocking. Each member of the cornice should be provided with good solid blocking for nailing. Blocking and lookouts should be accurately located and lined up to insure a straight and level cornice.

The gable or rake cornice, if made up of the same parts as the main or level cornice, usually has less projection. More often, however, the rake cornice consists of only a frieze and crown mould. Rake cornices without soffits are especially suited for small houses and for all dormers.

Good cornice construction requires a careful and accurate craftsman. Building the rough work square and level, and placing the mouldings square in the mitre box will eliminate a lot of "jack-knife carpentry."

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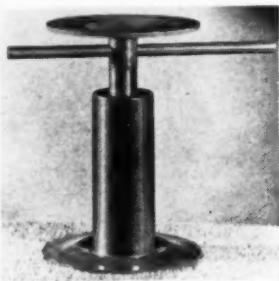
Offered by Manufacturers

ADJUSTABLE JACK

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A new adjustable jack for "off the shelf" selling is being offered by Harris, Inc., 1157 Cleveland Ave., Columbus 3, Ohio.

The jack is designed for use with any 2-in. pipe, new or used, for the



support and leveling of sagging floors, weak construction points, sagging porches, etc.

The Harris jack has a 6-in. adjustable screw top and self-centering top and base plates. It can be installed by a home owner and can be used by repair men, contractors, plumbers, engineers and property and industrial maintenance firms.

For easy storing on ordinary store shelves, the jack is packed individually in a package $6\frac{1}{4} \times 10\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. It weighs only $6\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.

COLD PROCESS ROOFING APPLIED BY SPRAY

AB9613

The Flintkote Company's latest development—successful application of cold process materials, both adhesive and top coating, by spray—was announced recently.

Previous efforts to develop this faster means of assembling built-up



roofs always resulted in failure, but by cooperative tests and development between The Flintkote Co. and the spray equipment manufacturers, and the development of two new Flintkote products especially engineered for spray application, the company has

now achieved the successful application of cold process materials by spray.

Spray material suitable for handling Flintkote cold process materials is available in one convenient "Package Unit," manufactured by the Alemite Corp.

The Flintkote Co., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y., will supply details.

HAND GRILL TAMPER

AB9612

Epecially suited for the smaller job is the Whiteman hand grill tamper. This 5-foot lightweight tamper with mesh surface tamps down the larger aggregate, leaving the finer materials on the surface, resulting in a more



dense and compact floor and eliminating the use of dry-topping. It is adjustable for height and collapsible. It is a product of the Whiteman Manufacturing Co., 3249 Casitas Ave., Los Angeles 26, Calif.

VACUUM-DRAFT OIL-BURNING FURNACE

AB9608

A new vacuum-draft oil-burning furnace which eliminates the need for the standard chimney as a draft-creating device has been introduced by the Norge-Heat division of Borg-Warner Corp. The new "chimneyless" furnace, which also filters and humidifies the heated air, is being made available to heating contractors for distribution to home owners.

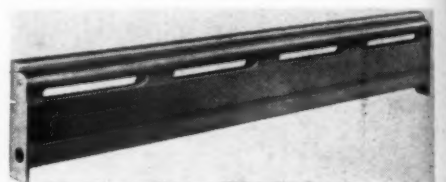
The furnace is so designed as to create its own draft through use of a suction fan which pulls rather than pushes air through the combustion chamber. According to C. S. Davis, Jr., general manager of Norge-Heat, the furnace is the result of four years of field trials during which some 3,500 of these units were subjected to various trials under all conditions of weather and climate in homes throughout the country.

The Norge-Heat division of Borg-Warner is located in Philadelphia, Pa.

RADIANT BASEBOARD

AB9606

A high power radiant baseboard, for heating large areas, or for rooms in which baseboard space is at a minimum, is the newest product developed by the Burnham Boiler Corp., 2 Main St., Irvington, N.Y. It will operate on any hot water, two-pipe steam or vacuum system. As no structural



changes are required for its installation, it can be used in modernized buildings as well as in new construction. In old buildings, the radiant baseboard takes the place of wood baseboards. It is 7 in. high and 2 in. thick, and to complete the effect of a baseboard, an ordinary wood molding is installed at the top of the unit.

TIMELY TEMPLATES

AB9614

Templates to speed up uniform drafting and to give the designer an opportunity to check for clearance and proportion before actually drawing the symbol have been announced by The Timely Products Co., Box 206, Columbus 9, Ohio. They have been named "Timely Templates."

STREAMLINED FLOW CONTROL VALVE

AB9602

A new streamlined flow control valve which provides a positive method of controlling circulation on a hot water heating system is being made by H. A. Thrush & Co., Peru, Ind.

An opening provided beneath the seat to direct the air and gases to the



pressure tank before they are circulated into the system is an exclusive feature of the valve. Another important feature is the adjusting lever provided to manually open the valve to obtain gravity circulation or to completely drain the system.

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FUEL OIL WATER HEATER AB9610

A complete new 1946 line of fully automatic fuel oil water heaters has been announced by Duo-Therm Division of the Motor Wheel Corp. Four models comprise the line, all designed in modern streamlined styles and finished in white enamel with contrasting red or black nameplate. A major factor behind the economy feature of the new heaters is Duo-Therm's patented dual chamber bias baffle burner, a simple device which gives clean and efficient performance on both pilot flame and high fire.

The new heaters are manufactured by Duo-Therm Div., Motor Wheel Corp., Lansing 3, Mich.

**READY-MADE STAIR UNITS AB9601**

Designed to speed construction of stairs in homes and commercial buildings, the Home Ola Corporation, 9 So. Clinton, Chicago, is currently producing a pressed steel sectional stair unit which combines tread and riser in one piece of formed metal, punched and



slotted so that an average stairway can be erected in ninety minutes.

A standard unit is made of 12 gauge steel with an overall width of 36 in., the net tread 9 in. deep and riser 7½ in. high. A lip extending above the tread, with a 1½ in. slotted hole through which bolts secure the lower unit to the one above, permits adjustment for the height of the rise of 1 in. per unit, from 7 in. to 8 in.

Finished in a standard gray, the units may be covered with rubber treads, carpeting, or may be painted.

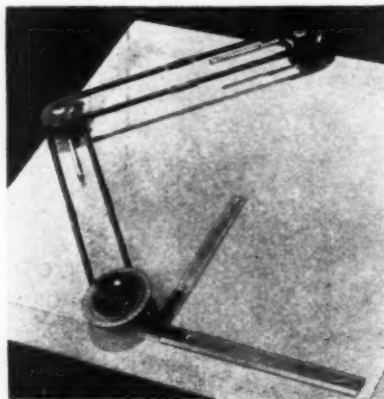
NEW LADDER SHOES AB9609

The new "Life-Saver" ladder shoe was recently put on the market by The Fritz Ziebarth Co., P.O. Box 1029, Rialto, Calif. Made of zinc-plated

metal the shoe is fastened to the ladder by three bolts. The sole of each shoe contains ten suction cups designed to grip all types of surfaces: wet, slippery, smooth, dry, soft, greasy, snowy, etc. A specially designed steel toe digs into snow, ice, and loose, uneven surfaces. The device was originally designed to meet the requirements of our armed forces.

NEW MODEL DRAFTING MACHINE AB9604

Offering many new features never before found on a drafting machine, the Universal Boardmaster, put on the market in August, marks an advance over previous models in ease of operation, precision accuracy, ruggedness and versatility. Most revolutionary is



its design as a basic drafting machine adaptable to all types of drawing tables: horizontal, sloping, or vertical. A product of the Universal Drafting Machine Co., Cleveland 14, Ohio, it was completely redesigned, engineered and developed throughout the war years.

NEW WALL TILE AB9607

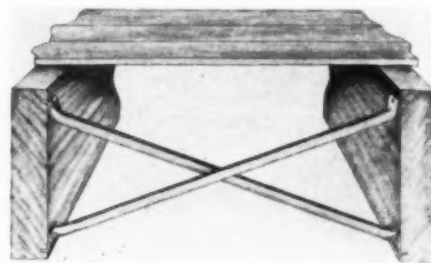
Available for immediate shipment is a new wall tile material for home, commercial, and industrial installations.

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STEEL JOIST BRACE AB9603

A new, patented steel joist brace is being manufactured by The Carter Machine and Tool Co., Rockford, Ill.

Flange-grip ends provide two advantages unequalled by other steel or

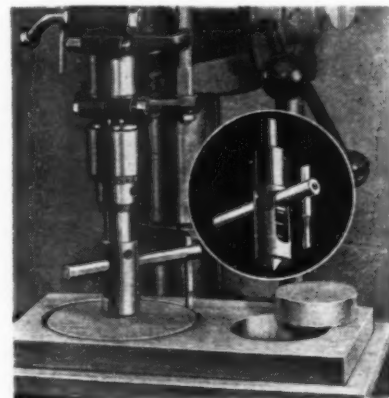


by wooden braces, namely (1) ease in installing, and (2) more strength and grip than that provided through the use of any amount of nails.

The braces, light in weight, are zinc-plated after fabrication to make them rust-resistant.

"3-IN-1" CIRCLE CUTTER AB9605

Waterston's, 44 East Larned St., Detroit 26, Mich., have perfected a new circle cutter that cuts holes, discs, and circles in wood, plastics, etc., without drilling a pilot hole in the center of the work. This new tool pilots with a spring tension center, which feature not only holds the work down on the table but permits the user later to drill any size center hole he wishes for nail, dowel, or screw, or eliminates



the necessity of plugging a center hole if a solid disc is desired.

Named the "3-in-1," the new center cutter is designed for use in drill press, band saw or jig saw.

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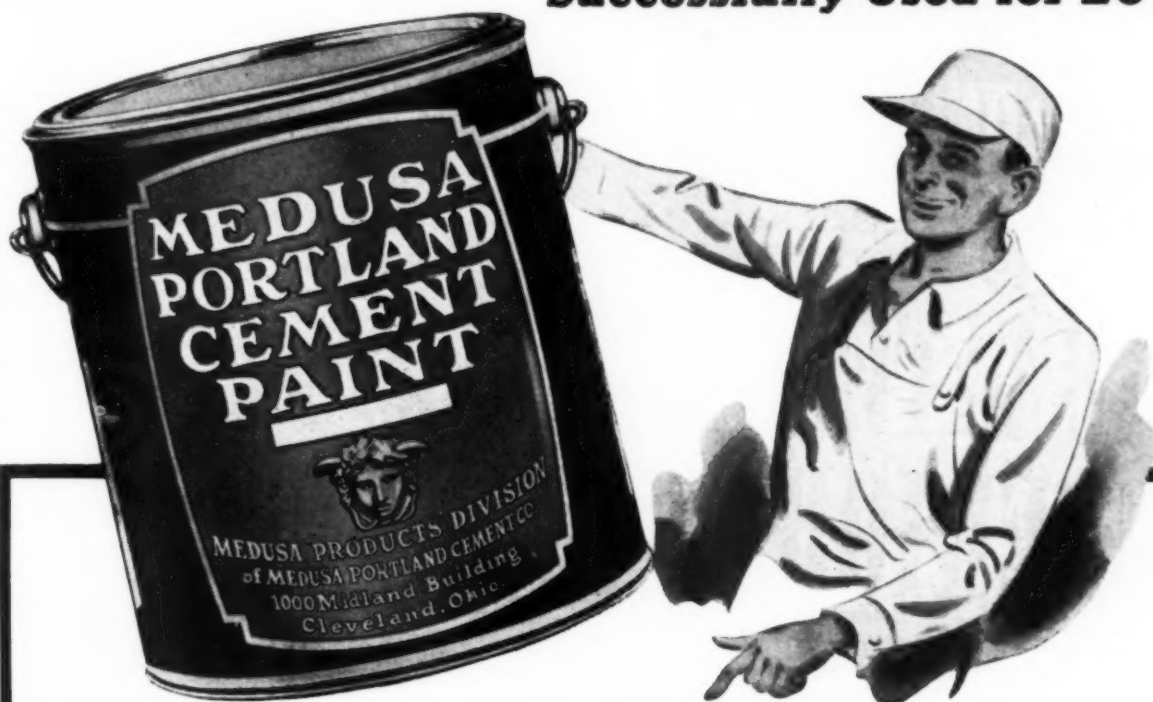
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257—OPPORTUNITIES IN AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION FIELDS—is the subject of a booklet prepared by the General Electric Company, 5 Lawrence St., Bloomfield, N. J., for the ex-G.I. interested in these lines. However, anyone interested in these fields should find the book useful.

258—ASPHALT ROOFING—is the theme of a well-planned, carefully-prepared book for home builders just released by the Asphalt Roofing Industry Bureau, 2 West 45th St., New York, N.Y., titled, "Choose Your Roof for Rain . . . and Shine." Besides emphasizing the merits of asphalt shingles, the book contains important tips for builders and those interested in remodeling.

259—A NEW BUILDING MATERIAL, FORMSTONE—is the subject of an elaborate, attractively illustrated book published by the Lasting Products Co., Baltimore, Md. Formstone is a stone finish for home exteriors and interiors.

260—ELECTRIC PLANT UNITS—and the many benefits enjoyed through their use on farms, at cottages, resorts, hunting and fishing lodges, as well as the service they render commercial users, is the subject of a colorful four-page pamphlet put out by Kohler of Kohler. Featuring models of various capacities, the pamphlet gives detailed information concerning construction and operation of the units.

261—NEW MODUFLOW BOOK—Titled "Comfort Unlimited" and following an earlier publication on the subject, the new booklet published by the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., 2753 4th Avenue So., Minneapolis 8, Minn., describes the application of Moduflow to the conventional methods of heating and also its application to zone control, radiant panel heating, solar heating, electric heating and air conditioning.

262—PLASTIC-FACED PLYWOOD—How to work with it, what can be expected of it, and its limitations, are covered in a folder just issued by Kimberly-Clark Corp., Neenah, Wis. It is a working manual for anyone having use for surfaced plywood.

263—INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND AIRPORTS—their engineering and construction from simplified standard designs are covered at length in two pamphlets put out by the Luria Engineering Corp., 500 Fifth Ave., New York City. The pamphlets outline the many services rendered by the corporation to those interested in either new building or in expansion programs. In addition to its standard lines the company is prepared to design and furnish hangars and buildings to meet special requirements.

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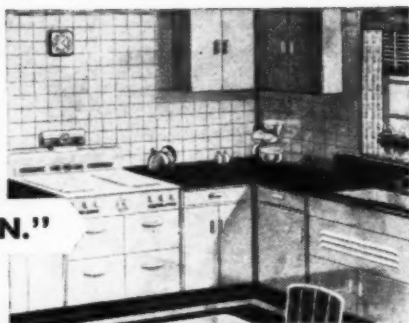


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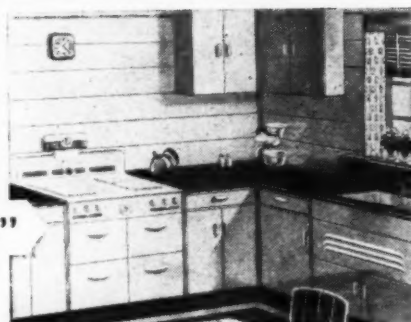
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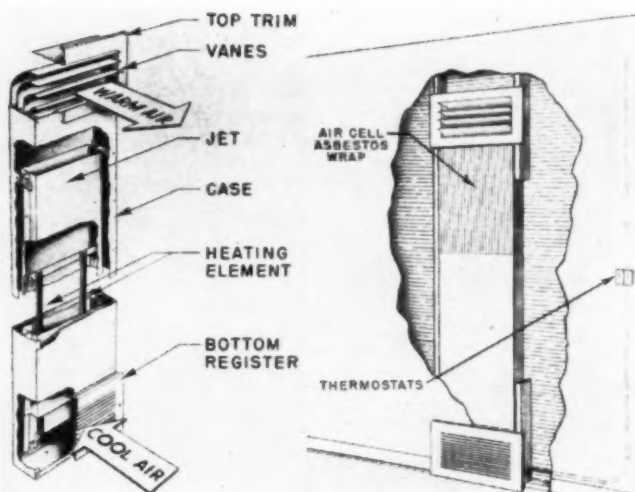


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Service wiring for Electro-Jets is the same as for electric range or water heater, as they operate on 230 volt circuits. The present list price is \$60 per unit.

Prefabricated house producers are finding this heating equipment well suited to their needs since the complete unit, light in weight, can be built into their wall panels at the factory and delivered to the job all set to operate.

Electro-Jet heaters are in production at the plant of the Ravenna Metal Products Co., 6518 Ravenna Ave., Seattle 5.

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Coleman Expands Production Facilities

A COMPLETE new factory unit, occupying 22,000 square feet of floor space, for the exclusive manufacture of gas floor furnaces, is now in operation at the Coleman Company plant in Wichita, Kans.

First furnaces came off the assembly line in August and output is being steadily increased. The new plant is completely outfitted with the latest type electronic welders, heavy brakes, presses, rolls, and paint spraying equipment.

The new manufacturing unit will make possible a stepped-up production schedule on oil space heaters and oil floor furnaces by releasing needed space in another part of the Coleman factory.

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Andersen Employees Share in Profits

FRED C. ANDERSEN, president of the Andersen Corp., Bayport, Minn., wood window unit manufacturers, recently announced a midyear share by employees in company profits. While wage increases, restriction in volume shipments of materials and other factors raised operating expenses, employees drew a share in profits, under a plan started in 1914 equal to two per cent of their first six months' earnings.

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Paint Brush Manufacturers Caution Industry on Quality of Present Supply

THE American Brush Manufacturers Association reports that since all regulations and restrictions on the manufacture of paint brushes have been removed, some abuses of public confidence by irresponsible individuals have occurred.

The industry has been handicapped in procurement of bristle since 1937, when Japan precipitated the "China incident," and felt the effects of international tensions long before war actually occurred. Regulations during the war limited bristle content of paint brushes to 55 per cent of the brush mixture in order to conserve the critically scarce material. They point to the hazard now in existence because of no regulation.

Demand for paint brushes is greater than capacity of the industry. Bristle, some of it of prewar quality, is increasingly available in many lengths and grades, but not in all. Plate for ferrules is extremely difficult to obtain and the lumber shortage will curtail manufacture of handles sufficiently to curb production for some time to come. The unprecedented demand and high prices have led to some abuses which the industry wishes to eradicate.

Some of these abuses include selling brushes as pure bristle when they are actually adulterated; mis-stating the percentage of adulteration; the use of reclaimed bristle in place of new bristle; the omission of stamping to indicate contents of the brush, and misbranding the bristle mixture.

Federal Trade Commission regulations specify that where natural hog bristle has been the standard previously, any departure from 100 per cent bristle must be shown in the stamping on the brush. If a brush is made of a mixture, the chief ingredient is shown first. Thus a mixture of 55 per cent bristle and 45 per cent horsehair may be stamped "Bristle and Horsehair," even though the actual percentages are not shown. If the percentages were reversed to give a greater percentage of horsehair, the brush should be stamped "Horsehair and Bristle." Brushes made of other materials, such as fibre or synthetic bristle, must be clearly stamped as to contents. Failure to do so is contrary to law.

The American Brush Manufacturers Association is anxious to stamp out these practices and requests the co-operation of distributors and users. To help them in their efforts the association offers the following suggestions: 1. Buy brushes only from reliable manufacturers or distributors who are known; 2. Do not, under any circumstances, make cash purchases of brushes without invoices from unknown individuals; 3. Never buy unbranded merchandise, or brushes which are not stamped as to contents; 4. At present, while brushes are scarce and quality is gradually improving, buy for current requirements only—the brushes to come out may be better; 5. All large users of brushes should take the best possible care of them so they will last as long as possible.

Ceramic Tile Industry Production Increases

THE nation's ceramic floor and wall tile industry is now producing at the rate of 52,452,000 square feet annually, according to figures compiled by the U. S. Department of Commerce. This is far above the 33,358,000 square feet produced in 1945.

Reports from the industry indicate that by early 1947 production will be at the rate of 90,000,000 square feet annually, which would be 21 per cent above the previous peak year of 1925, when 74,500,000 square feet were produced.

Estimates made by the industry indicate potential sales of tile by type of building when construction gets under way as follows: new homes, \$60,000,000; schools, \$26,000,000; home modernization, \$14,500,000; hospitals, \$14,800,000; commercial buildings, \$9,000,000; religious buildings \$2,000,000; tourist courts, \$2,000,000; hotels, \$1,000,000, and theaters, \$300,000.

Although there are about 20,000 persons employed at present in the United States as tile layers and helpers, the industry estimates that 50,000 will be needed to meet the anticipated demand for tile installation. Apprentice-training programs are being inaugurated and conducted under industry sponsorship, with the co-operation of governmental and private organizations.

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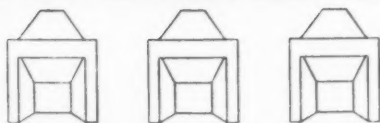
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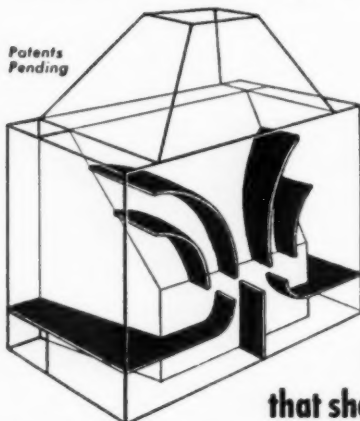


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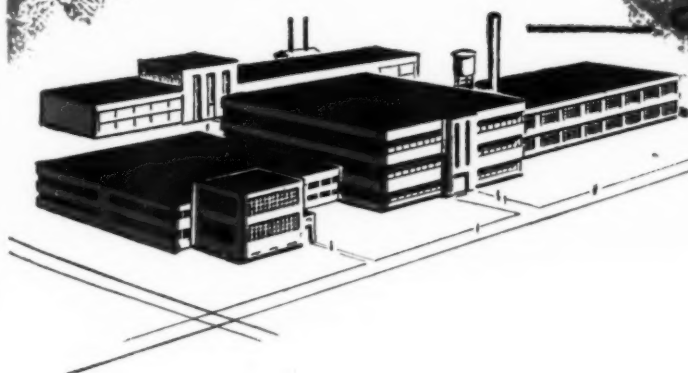
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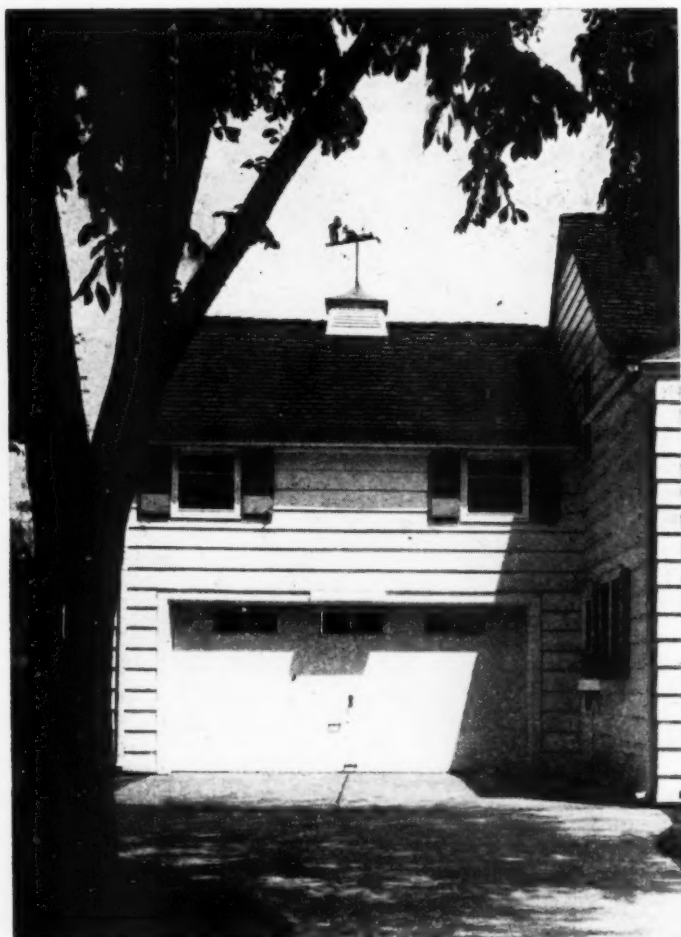
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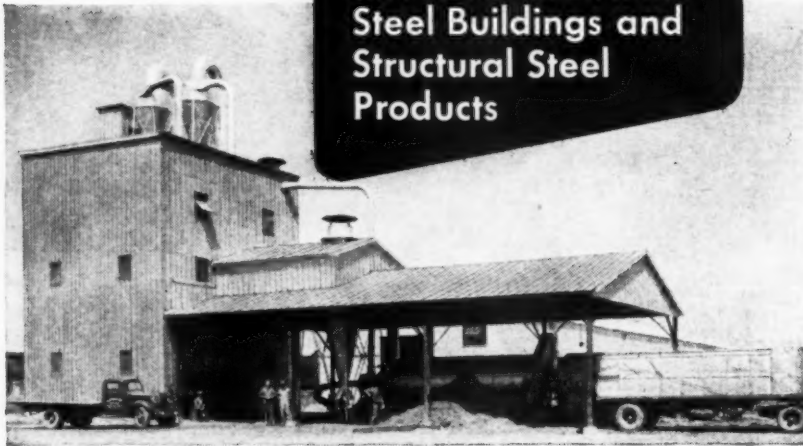


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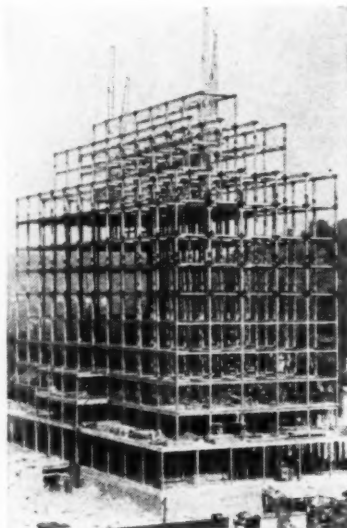
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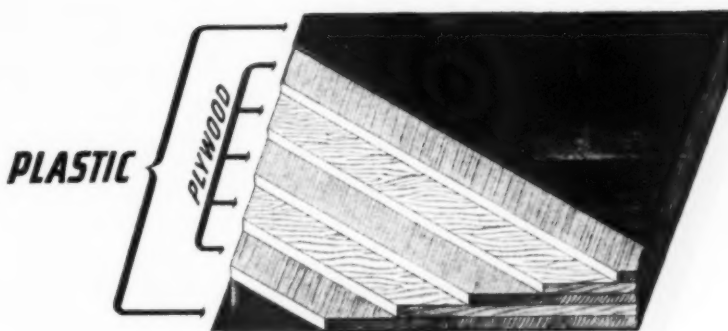


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Home Owners Organization Protests Rent Freeze

A NATION-WIDE protest against the freezing of rents in the face of sharply increased living costs has been carried to President Truman and the Office of Price Administration by Arthur W. Binns of Philadelphia, president of the National Home and Property Owners Foundation. He asked that an equitable adjustment be made in residential rents "to bring them into balance with the rest of the economy." Continuation of the "tragic, utterly un-American discrimination practiced against landlords and property owners," he maintained, "can only mean the liquidation and disappearance of houses and apartments for rent."

Mr. Binns pointed out that of the 8,000,000 landlords in this country, at least 90 per cent are little people dependent upon rental income for their bread and butter.

The National Home and Property Owners Foundation was organized to

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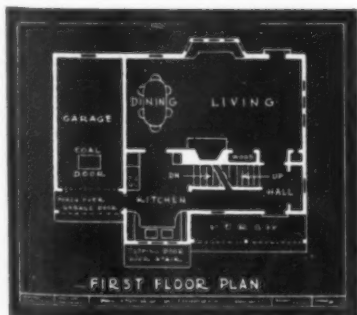
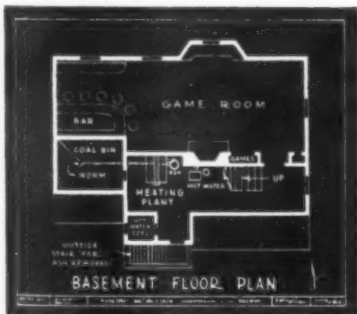
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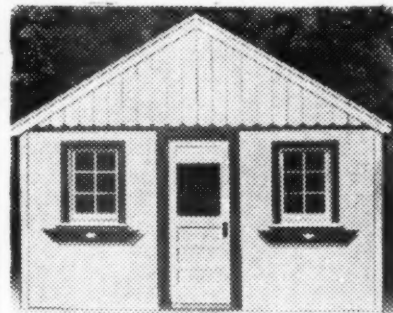
John Squires Joins Peerless Housing Company

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G. L. CURTIS, left, president of Curtis Companies, Inc., receives the bronze plaque from Fred W. Braun of Employers Mutuals in recognition of the excellent Curtis safety record. Members of the plant safety committee are in background.

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P. & F. Corbin Announces Personnel Changes

THE appointment of Philip E. Barth as general manager and Richard G. Edwards as general sales manager of P. & F. Corbin was announced recently by Charles B. Parsons, president of the American Hardware Corp. Mr. Barth started his career with the Simmons Hardware Co., where he served in every position from stock department to road salesman to assistant general manager. After the merger of Simmons and Winchester Repeating Arms Co., he was president and general manager of Winchester-Simmons Co. From there he went to Western Cartridge Co., as general sales manager and from 1929 to 1942 he was president and general manager of Sargent & Co., New Haven, Conn. From 1942 until the present he served as a board member of the Price Adjustment Section, War Department.

Mr. Edwards, a resident of New Britain, Conn., is a graduate of Harvard University, class of 1931, and a veteran of World War II. He first joined the American Hardware Corporation in 1942 after wide experience in allied fields. From June 1943, until January 1944, when he entered military service Mr. Edwards was assistant sales manager of P. & F. Corbin.

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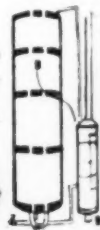
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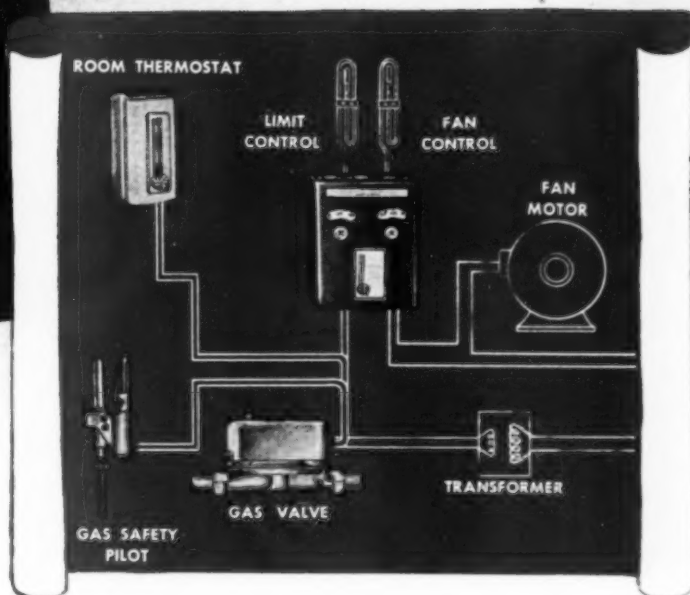
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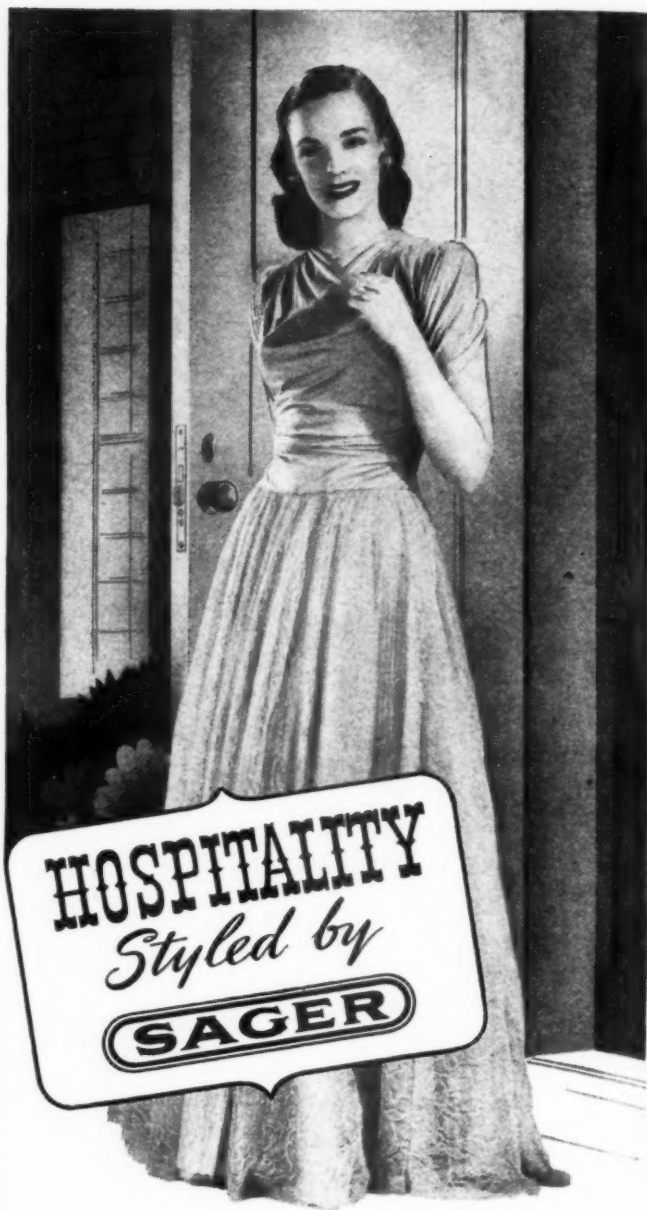
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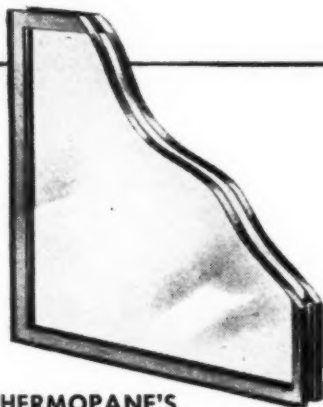
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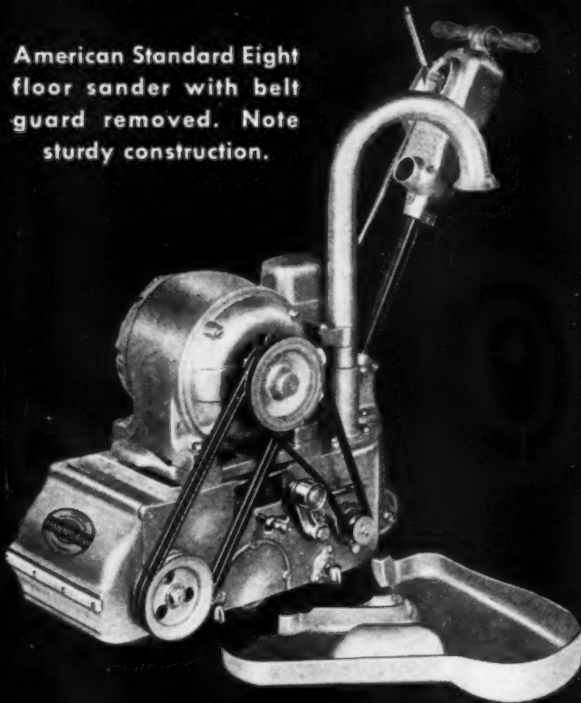
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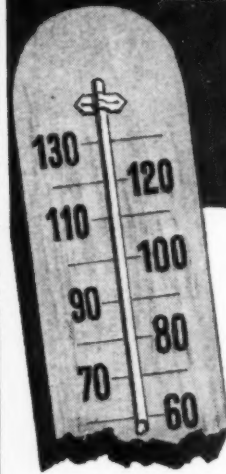
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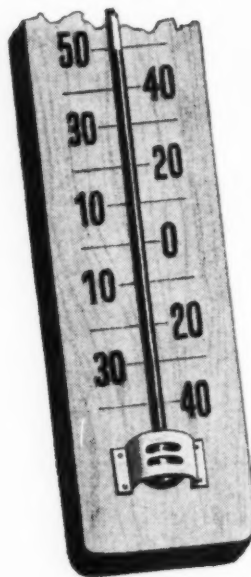


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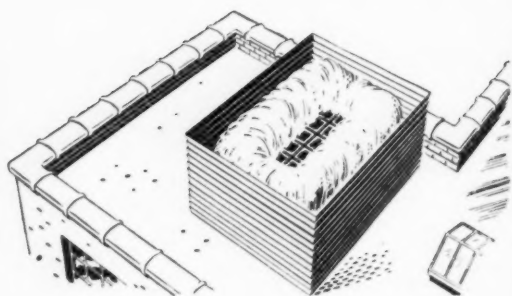
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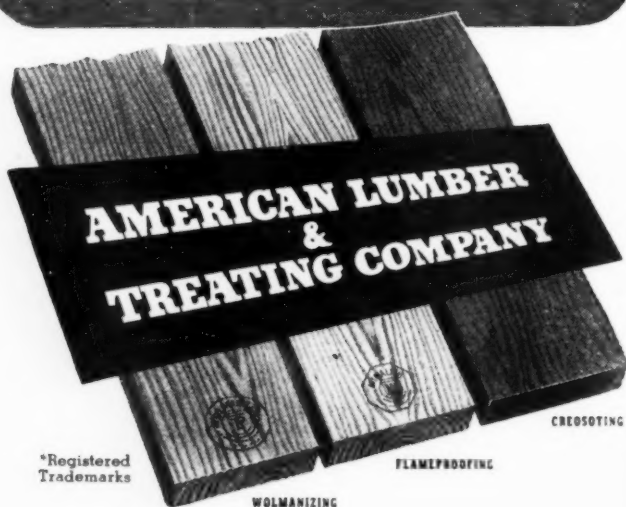
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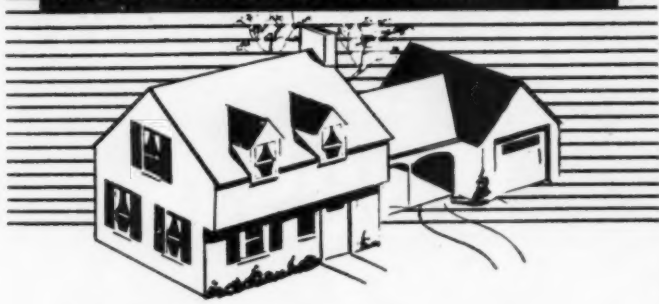
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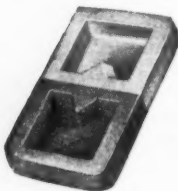
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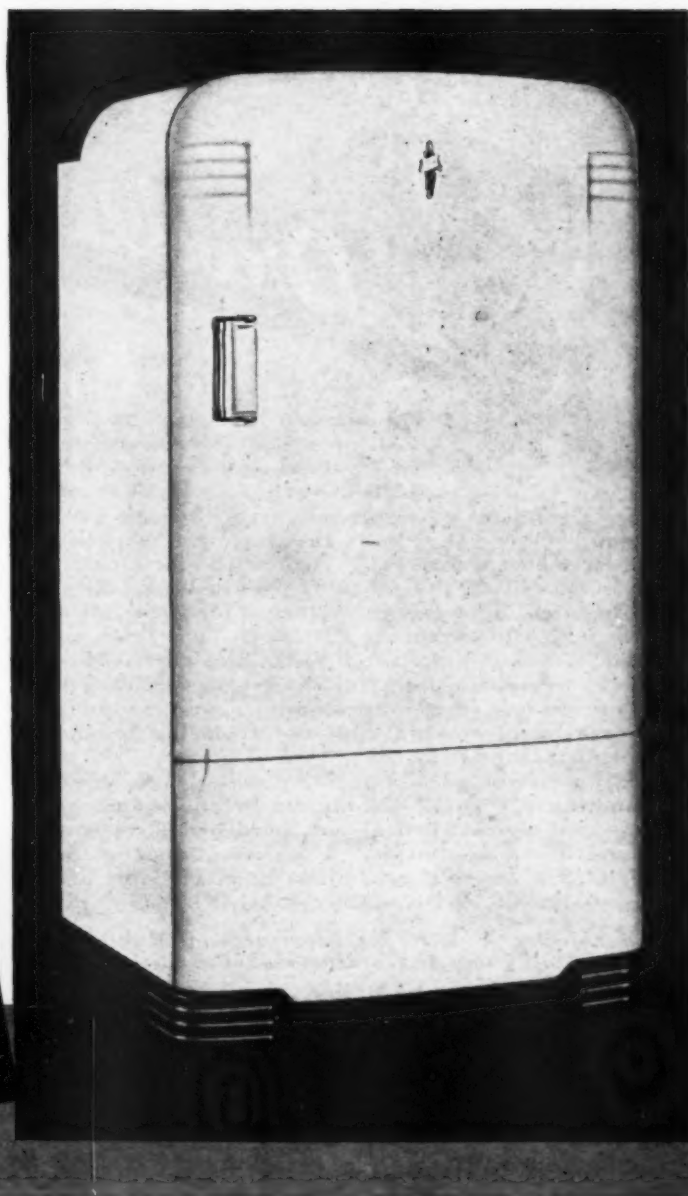
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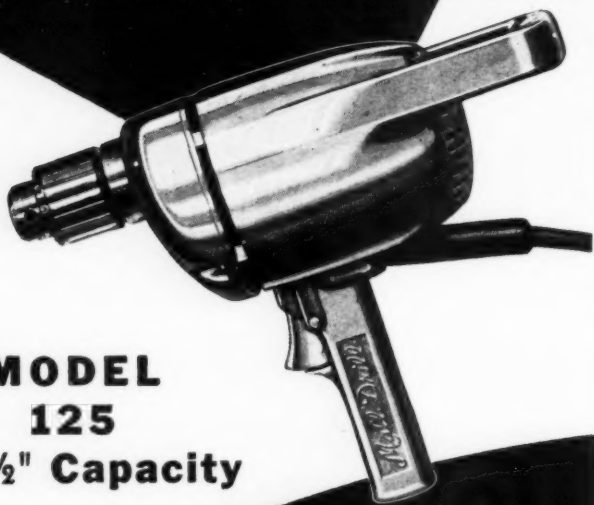
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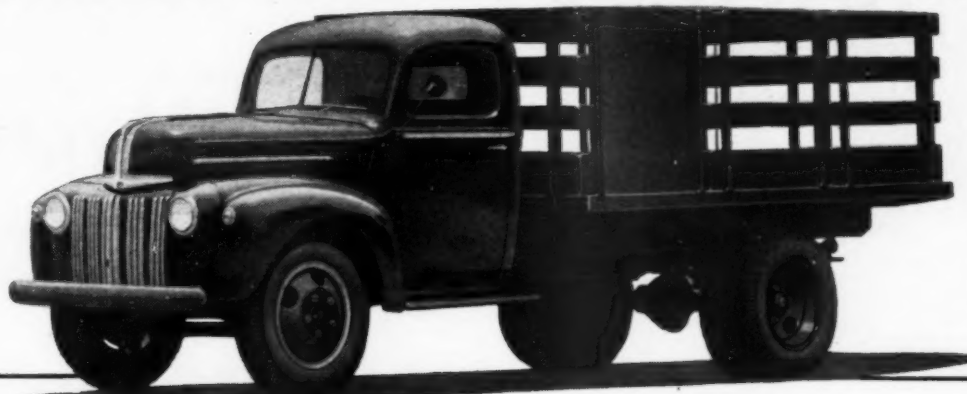
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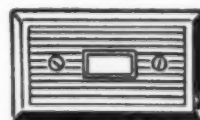
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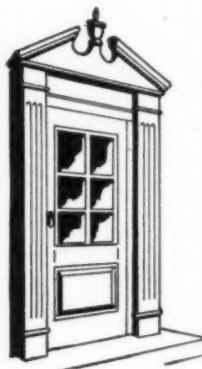
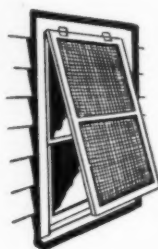
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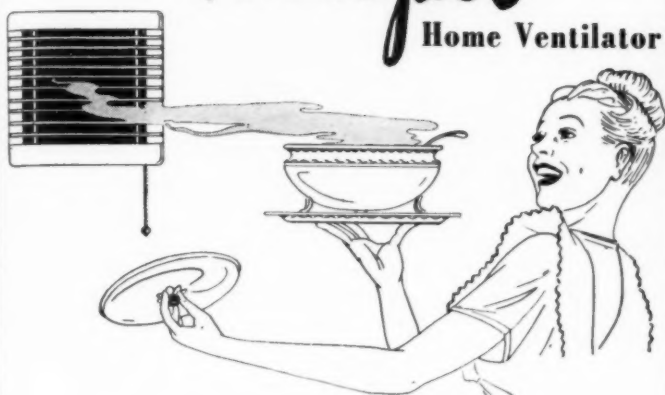
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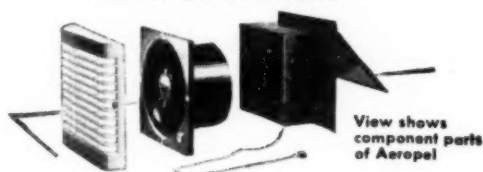
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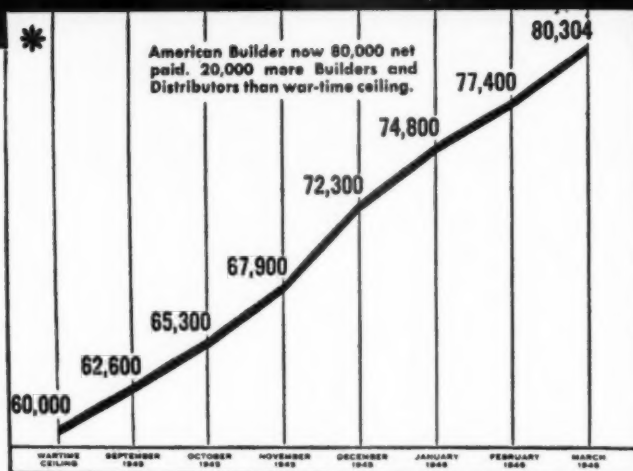
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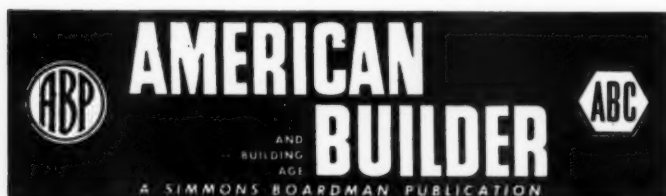
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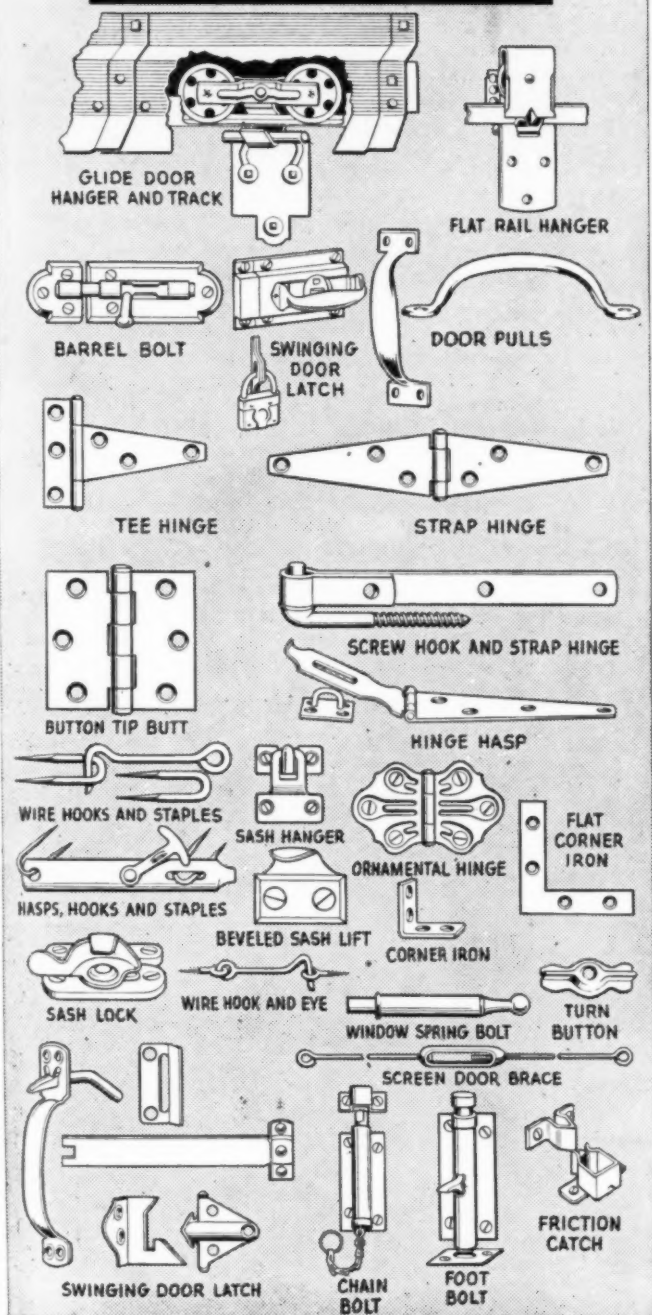
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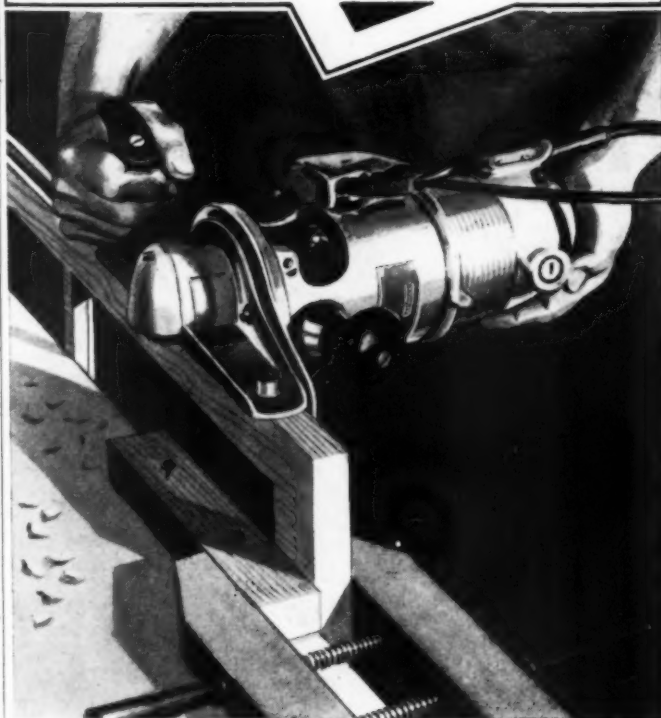


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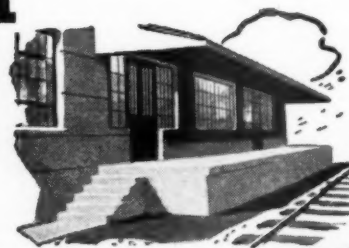
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What Prospective Home Owners Want Today—

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Between these two extremes is a substantial group who feel that a number of these features are desirable but that they are not necessary. There is some difference between the various income groups regarding these items, those in the higher brackets exhibiting a slightly stronger preference for the greatest number of these features. It seems fairly clear, however, that builders and architects should indulge in a critical examination of housing plans with a view to the possible curtailment of construction features which have no great appeal to prospective home owners, especially where the elimination of these features might effect substantial savings in the cost of home ownership.

Trend Toward Decentralization

In the Curtis survey prospective home owners were asked where they would build or purchase a home. It was learned that home location and its neighborhood aspects are important to a family and have definite market implications as well. For one thing, it was found, the location of a home frequently influences its cost and design and sometimes its method or source of acquisition. Specifically it was learned that 23.3% prefer newer suburban areas; 20.6% will locate in new city subdivisions; 16.5% will go to the country; 12% will stay in the older residential sections of cities; 11% will locate in a suburban community but prefer its older areas; 8.9% will go to small towns; and 8.1% are undetermined. Further evidence of the "decentralization trend" is attested to by the fact that this survey also found that 60% of the families interviewed plan to establish a home away from centers of population.

When stating preference concerning "Location of Garage" for the new house, 60.4% of the McCall survey respondents selected the attached garage, nearly 33%
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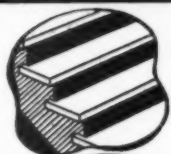
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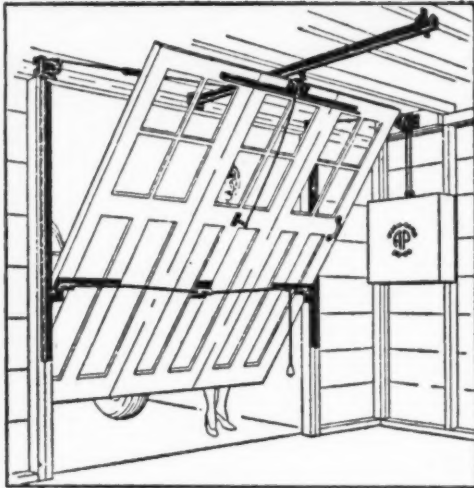
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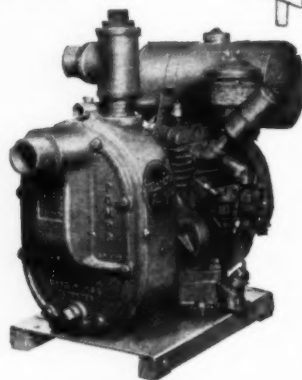
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said they want an unattached garage, while 4.9% would like to keep their cars in the basement. In answering the question concerning "Size of Garage" for the new house, 53.7% of 14,300 respondents expect to have two-car garages, 45.3% will be satisfied with a one-car garage while only 1% expects to have a space for three cars.

Parent's Magazine survey parallels these findings; 97.2% of the families answering the question "Will you build a garage?" replied that they would. Of this group 32.7% said they would build for one automobile, 62.5% for two, 2.1% for three or more.

Gas Water Heaters Preferred

Without reference to the type of fuel preferred the Curtis interviewers inquired regarding the type of water heating equipment prospective owners desired. The gas heater was found to be the majority choice, 53.8% preferring this type, 22.7% preferring an electric water heater, 13.9% oil, 5.8% coal, and a few mentioned other kinds. It developed, however, that electric water heaters are favored by more present home owners than renters.

"The American Woman's Home of Tomorrow" wanted some direct answers on electrical appliances and asked: "Do you plan to install any of the electrical equipment listed below?" Of 11,101 respondents, a total of 75.4% stated they want to install electric water heaters; 72% plan to have home freeze lockers; 42.6% electric air cleaners; 72.6% fluorescent lighting; 59.3% television; and 49.5% want circuit breakers. In a supplemental question nearly 91% of 14,042 contestants gave affirmative answers to: "Will you wire your house with the idea that sometime you may add more electrical equipment?"

The answers received to questions concerning equipment items definitely show that products and services which increase the comfort, convenience, beauty and livability of a home will play an important part in family "designs for living," the Curtis Publishing Company points out.

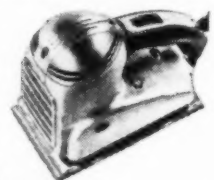
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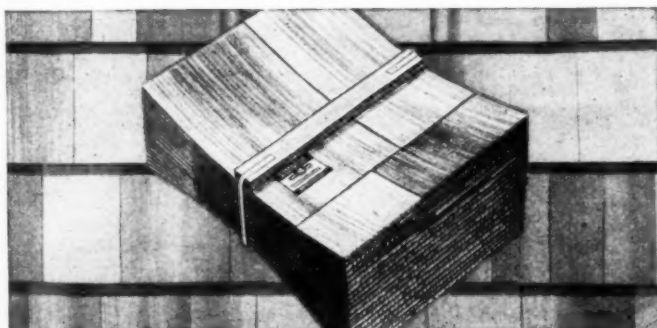


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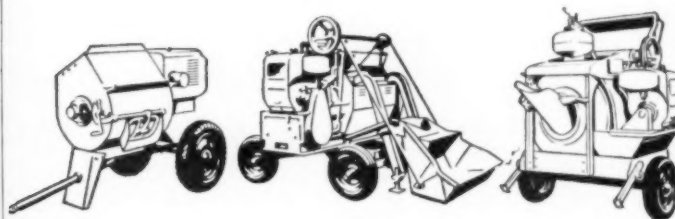
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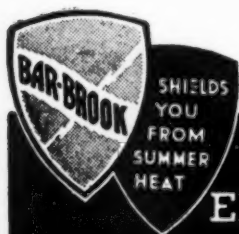
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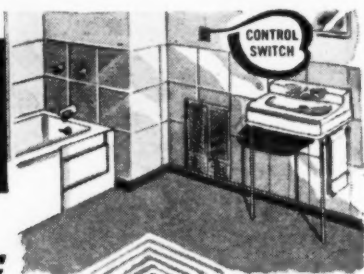


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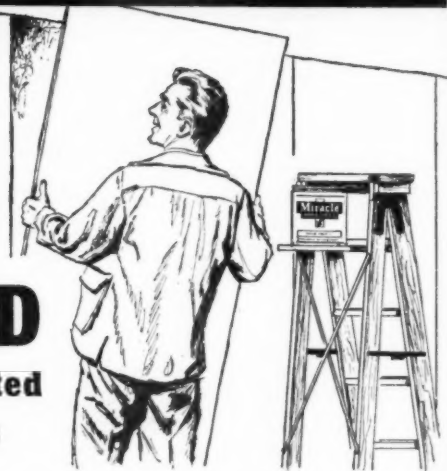
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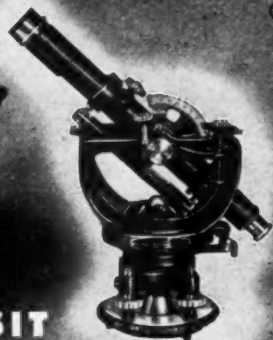
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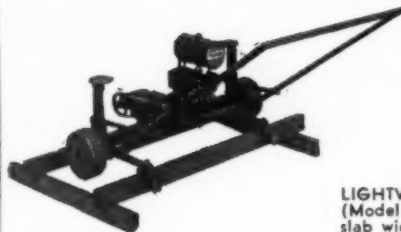
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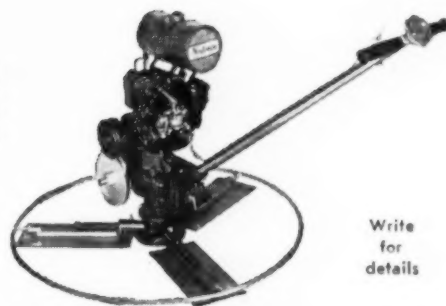
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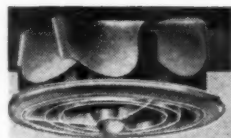
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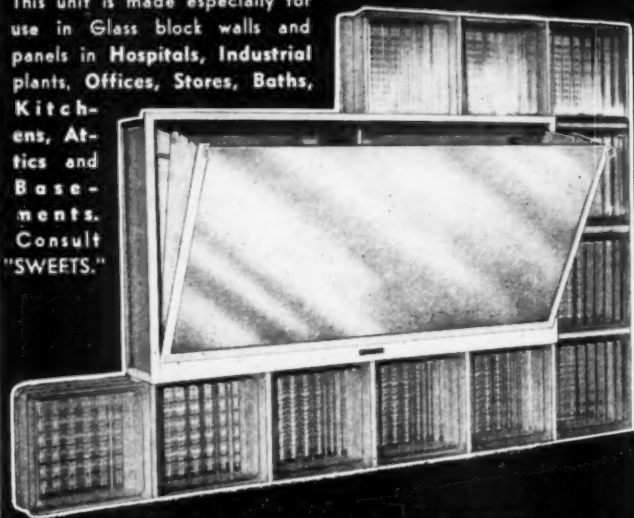
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"Meanwhile, it apparently had occurred to some of our Government leaders concerned with housing that they should check the figures they were quoting so confidently. At any rate, the National Housing Agency requested the Bureau of the Census to make a sample survey of housing conditions, rents, occupancy and vacancy. The funds were provided by the National Housing Agency, and the Bureau of the Census undertook the work as an agent of the National Housing Agency.

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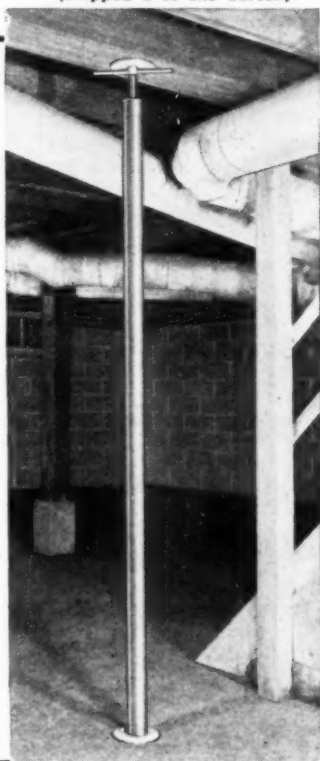
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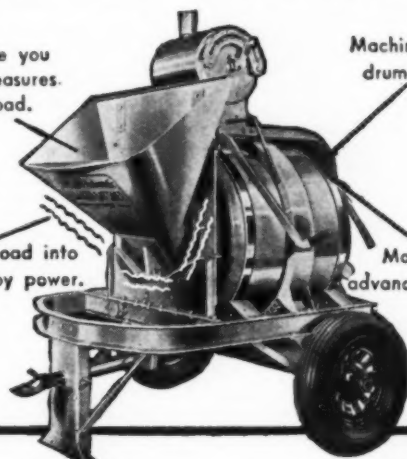
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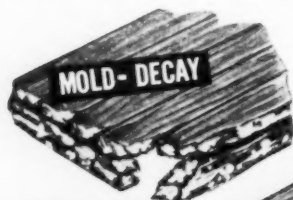
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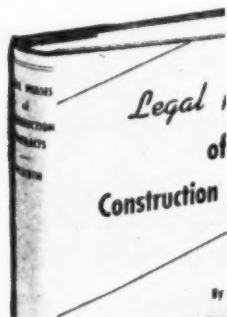


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Finally, the Director of the Bureau of the Census became concerned over the difficult position in which his branch of the government had been placed, and he commendably asked the Bureau of the Budget for advice concerning the issues of the suppressed statistics. On April 26, 1946, he received a reply from the assistant director in charge of statistical standards. The reply is a masterpiece of forthright thinking, and is included in the April 27 issue of the Congressional Record.

"Shortly after the date of the letter," continues Wherry, referring to the reply of the assistant director, "the statistics in question began to appear as public information. The Government officials knew they would have to submit them sometime after this particular challenge had been made."

"In view of these facts, it is my opinion, Mr. President, that we shall have to examine with the greatest of care any statistics or so-called facts which the National Housing Agency may place before us in the future . . . Those who seek to dot the Nation with unnecessarily large public housing projects at the expense of the Federal Treasury, and who suppress facts and distort statistics to serve their purpose, are doing this country a great disservice. I shall welcome the day when the Senate may be able to inquire into these matters in considerable detail."

" . . . I wish to emphasize that it required a letter from the executive branch, from the Bureau of the Budget to one of the agencies of government, to pry loose the statistics which should have been here and available to Senators during the debate on the housing question."

"But, instead of the Senate having that information, the National Housing Agency submitted statistics which are in direct contradiction with these two reports. I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record the first two reports which have been released by the Department of Commerce which contradict the figures of the National Housing Agency. These figures were suppressed. . . . While we appropriate millions and millions of dollars annually for the preparation and distribution of statistics which are supposed to be of service not only to Congress but to the people of the United States generally, yet they are either suppressed or turned against us in the form of propaganda."

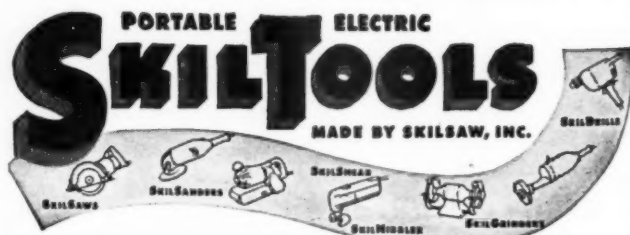
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